



DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY **Disability Support Services**

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Dear Family Member,

As you know, the Daughters of Charity has been providing services for well over a century in Ireland. Indeed, the Daughters pioneered many of the services we now take for granted, and they have continued to lead and guide the organisation to this day.

I am, therefore, sorry to have to let all of you know that, regretfully, the Daughters of Charity has informed us that they plan to step away from the 'Disability Support Services' in the coming months, after many decades of dedication with our Service as Trustees and Founders.

Be assured that this transition will **NOT** impact on current services or staffing levels at any of our locations across Dublin, Limerick (Lisnagry) or North Tipperary/Offaly (St Anne's). The Service will continue exactly as before. We will still operate as a Section 38, voluntary organisation, funded by the State, with a Board of Directors, who will now also take on the role of Trustees, and with the same reporting relationship to the HSE, as is currently the case.

We will now be working with the Sisters to ensure a smooth transition, which will be completed by early 2022. In many ways this is a natural progression to the establishment of the original Board of Management for the service in 1992 and the incorporation of a 'Company' in 2013. This 'Company' will continue to run the Service, but will not have Sisters on the Board after we complete the transition.

In a letter I received on Monday Sr. Goretti Butler, Daughters of Charity Provincial has let us know that, **“this has been a most difficult, but necessary decision for us, as we must rationalise commitments in accordance with our present-day realities, especially in regard to the number of Sisters currently available. We are so proud of our association with, and the achievements of this Service - and with the people and structures now in place. We have every confidence that it will grow and develop into the future”**.

Should you require any further information on this decision, please contact your Service Manager or me on this email natalyan.jackson@docservice.ie and we will endeavour to answer all of your queries. I will also keep you informed throughout this process with any updates.

Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services CLG.

Board of Directors: Chairperson: Sr Goretti Butler DC, Sr Justine O'Brien DC, Sr Sheila Ryan DC, Sr Bernadette MacMahon DC, Ms Sally Byrne, Mr Noel Kidney, Dr Daniel O'Hare, Mr Michael Doyle, Mr John O'Quigley, Mr Rory Staines.

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Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalya Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'N'.

Natalya Jackson
Chief Executive