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BACKGROUND

The Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary is an international religious order, founded in Lovendegem Belgium C. 1804 by Cannon P.J. Triest. The order operates in the field of healthcare and education. It first established a base in Ireland in 1946 at Moore Abbey, Monasterevin, Co Kildare, initially to provide medical services to women who suffered from epilepsy.

On January 1st 2012, Sisters of Charity of Jesus & Mary Services formally changed to limited liability company status in the name of Muiriosa Foundation.

Moore Abbey is currently the Irish Headquarters of the Muiriosa Foundation, formerly Sisters of Charity of Jesus & Mary Services. The Muiriosa Foundation provides services across five regions incorporating nine counties (Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Longford, Kildare, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Wicklow). Each region is led by a Regional Director.

Since its foundation the main growth of activities and services has been in the midland region with the provision of an extensive variety of services to people of all ages with an intellectual disability and/or autism, but catering mainly for people at the moderate, severe/profound level of disability. These services include respite, residential and day services.

Muiriosa Foundation employs approximately 1,100 staff, and has an annual operational budget of approximately €50 million.

Muiriosa Foundation is a voluntary health organisation. The DoH&C, through HSE publicly fund the operational cost of the service.

The following services are provided by Muiriosa Foundation:

- Children & adult diagnostic, assessment and advisory service;
- Children & adult day services;
- Children and adult respite services – Share-a-Break and Room-to-Share;
- Adult supported employment;
- Children and adult residential centre;
- Adult community homes;
- Nurse training.

The following medical, para-medical, nursing and therapeutic services are provided:

- Social Work;
- Psychology;
- Psychiatry;
- General Medical Services;
- Nursing Services;
- Speech Therapy;
- Physiotherapy;
- Hydrotherapy;
- Occupational Therapy;
- Education Services;
- Physical Education;
- Recreation Services;
- Music, Drama, Art and other rehabilitative and therapeutic services.

While our origins lie in the traditional, care-oriented model of service delivery, we have in recent years been working intentionally to promote a view of the person with an intellectual disability as a participating citizen in society, participation embedded within a broad range of roles and relationships.

This has triggered a fundamental questioning of the assumptions and attitudes we have traditionally drawn on and worked from. The net effect has been to shift the core question from ‘what kind of service should we be?’ to ‘how can we be of service to people so that they get to lead the life they want for themselves, a life on their own terms?’ The shift from getting a service to having a good life, a life on one's own terms is crucial - and one with which we were struggling (doggedly and creatively, we hope).

Muiriosa Foundation Board of Directors

The Muiriosa Foundation is a limited liability company with a registered charity number with full governance responsibility for the services. The Board of Directors of the Muiriosa Foundation have full responsibility for overseeing all aspects of the service.

Chairperson: Mr. Francis Donnelly

Directors: Ms. Catriona Corcoran, Ms. Deirdre Flinn, Ms. Maureen Windle, Ms. Mary Culliton, Mr. Peter O’Reilly, Rev. Leslie Stevenson, Ms. Kate Quinlan, Mr. Jim O’Brien, Sr. Catherine Lonergan

The Muiriosa Board hold routine meetings at two-month intervals and schedule additional meetings as the need arises.

The CEO issues a report to the Board in advance of the Board meeting. Finance and performance-based reports form part of the CEO’s Report.