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Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 5695.19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of service providers for full and part-time care of persons funded and or contracted by the HSE by CHO area; the number of clients in those service provider's care by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The HSE acknowledges the role and contribution of non-statutory agencies in the development and provision of health and personal social services and is committed to the development of effective working relationships as enacted by the Health Act 2004. That Act provides that the HSE may, subject to available resources, and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate, fund the services provided by non-statutory providers.

HSE Governance Framework

The HSE has established a Governance Framework to cover funding relationships with all Non Statutory Agencies. The framework was introduced in order to implement the legislative provisions of the Health Act, 2004 and to reflect the requirements for public accountability whereby the HSE is legally obliged to account for all public expenditure on health and personal social services. There is also a requirement to ensure that value for money is being achieved. In this regard, the framework takes account of the 2005 VFM report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on disability funding. It is the policy of the HSE, that all funding arrangements with non-statutory agencies are formalised by complying with this Governance Framework which has 2 different components:

Part 1 A Service Arrangement that is signed every 3 years by both parties and sets out the legal requirements that the agency must comply with to receive funding for the provision of services.

Part 2 – A Set of 10 Schedules which must be completed and signed by the Agency and the HSE which sets out the detail of the service and the exact funding that the HSE is providing for the delivery of this service. This Set of Schedules also identifies the quality standards and best practice guidelines to be adhered to in the provision all services, along with process for managing complaints in relation to service provision.

The service arrangement between the HSE and a provider is an important contractual document that sets out the funding provided by the state to deliver services, and underpinned by governance and quality policy frameworks.

Table 1 below outlines the categories and numbers in each CHO area of non HSE agencies who provided health services in Ireland in 2017. Please note that this information relates to all health services including Mental Health, Primary Care, Older Persons Services, Disability Services and other services. 2,351 agencies were funded or contracted by the HSE.

Table 1

Numbers of Agencies									
	Voluntary SA		Commercial SA		Total SA	Grant Aid Agreements		Grand Total	
CHO 1	58	18%	45	20%	103	284	16%	387	17%
CHO 2	47	15%	21	9%	68	222	13%	290	13%
CHO 3	69	22%	17	7%	86	156	9%	242	11%
CHO 4	74	23%	35	15%	109	378	22%	487	22%
CHO 5	76	24%	52	23%	128	152	9%	280	13%
CHO 6	76	24%	43	19%	119	71	4%	190	9%
CHO 7	97	31%	53	23%	150	118	7%	268	12%
CHO 8	72	23%	66	29%	138	284	16%	422	19%
CHO 9	96	30%	54	24%	150	122	7%	272	12%
National	47	15%	9	4%	56	138	8%	194	9%
Total	327		243		570	1,781		2,351	

Table 2 below outlines the number of non HSE agencies providing services in the Disability sector in 2017. This table outlines that there were 1,074 Part 2 Service level agreements with 485 agencies.

Table 2

Disabilities €000	2017 Total Actual Spend €	Funded Agencies 2017 '000 SPG	% of CHO total Spend	Agencies	Arrangements
CHO 1	129,313	35,548	27%	160	212
CHO 2	166,307	148,140	89%	54	76
CHO 3	152,351	145,716	96%	63	92
CHO 4	222,652	173,029	78%	47	48
CHO 5	162,225	136,010	84%	123	157
CHO 6	187,924	148,510	79%	80	94
CHO 7	220,633	188,124	85%	79	134
CHO 8	204,386	148,757	73%	84	125
CHO 9	272,704	214,580	79%	90	131
National	4,976	2,787	56%	5	5
Total	1,723,470	1,341,200	78%	485	1,074
% of Overall	34.71%	70.55%		20.6%	23.6%

Due to the number of agencies, the variety of services provided, and the fact that each service arrangement with each service provider/agency is negotiated locally at CHO level, it is not possible to provide exact

information on the number of service providers for full and part-time care of persons funded or contacted by the HSE and the number of service users in the care of Service Providers by CHO area.

Yours sincerely,



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