



24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Deputy Stephen Donnelly  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ Ref 33171/19**

**\* \* To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the under provision of accounting and financial management capacity in CHO 6 which remains a significant challenge according to the CHO6 2019 Operational Plan.**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please find below the insert into the Community Healthcare East Operational Plan, Version 16, page 4:

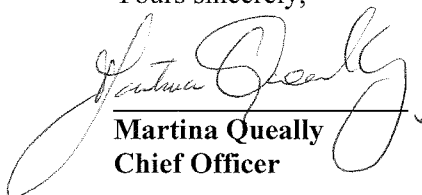
- The under-provision of accounting and financial management capacity remains a significant challenge and will continue to impact Community Healthcare East in implementing the range of enhanced financial management and monitoring requirements during 2019.

Community Healthcare East has been identified as one of a number of Community Health Organisations requiring additional resources to support its core financial performance resourcing needs. Approval has been provided within the Health Service Executive for 2 additional posts, one at General Manager level in Financial Performance and one at Grade 7 level in Financial Control, both of which are currently under consideration with Department of Health.

This initiative, combined with the upcoming establishment of the Contract Management Support Unit (CMSU) model on a Pilot basis, will greatly assist in providing a more sustainable level of financial analysis and support to local Managers.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Martina Queally**  
Chief Officer