



Deputy Anne Rabbitte T.D,
Main Street,
Portumna,
Co Galway.

18th June 2019

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To ask the Minister for Health the amount of financial support provided to Cope Galway in each of the past five years; the non-financial supports provided to the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

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

The HSE have a Service Arrangement in place with Cope Galway and have provided the following financial support in the past five years;

2015	1,556,536.00
2016	1,546,836.00
2017	1,618,877.00
2018	1,667,929.00
2019	1,596,377.00
	7,986,555.00

HSE (Social Inclusion) work with COPE Galway in the delivery of Homeless Services in Galway City and environs. The HSE meets with COPE as part of the Service Arrangement process at which day to day service issues are raised as well as dealing with/discussing areas of concern.

The HSE has put in place a Homeless Mental Health Team to support persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless who engage with COPEs Homeless Services. This team also provides supports and training as appropriate to COPE staff when requested/identified.

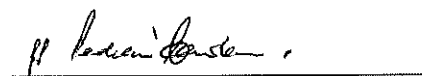
The HSE also provides other health supports to homeless persons who avail of homeless services in Galway, such as a GP clinic for persons in homeless services or sleeping rough in partnership with COPE Galway and Galway Simon in the COPE Galway Day Centre(Teach Corrib). In reach GP and nursing supports are also provided to residents in the Fairgreen hostel on an ongoing basis.

The HSE and COPE are members of the Galway Homeless Steering group, chaired by Galway City Council, to address the issues relating to Homeless Persons in Galway City. The Regional Homeless Forum, chaired by Galway City Council, of which the HSE is part of the Strategic Management Team, is another conduit where service providers such as COPE etc have the opportunity to raise issues and outline service delivery etc.

There is close collaboration between HSE, Galway City Council and homeless service providers such as COPE in the delivering of services for homeless persons in Galway.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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