



25th November, 2019

Deputy Fergus O'Dowd, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ: 45878/19

To ask the Minister for Health if underspending in national or regional drug strategy funding can be applied for by local front line community based addiction services such as a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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

Where there is an identified underspend nationally the CHOs are invited to identify priority proposals that can be put in place immediately. Given that the funding is non-recurring, these must be once-off with immediate commencement of activity. In relation to the details supplied, we are aware that the relevant CHO put out a call to all agencies to submit applications for once-off funding for service initiatives.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle'.

Joseph Doyle
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