



Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh  
Baile Átha Cliath Theas, Cill Dara & Iarthar Chill Mhantáin  
– Cúram Sláinte Pobail  
Teach Darach, Páirc na Mílaoise, An Nás, Co. Chill Dara, W91 KDC2

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Richard Boyd Barrett TD,  
Leinster House,  
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17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Re: PQ37762-19** To ask the Minister for Health if the expenditure of public funds at an organisation (details supplied) will be reviewed, in particular the decision to spend €800,000 on a prime site in Tallaght; the impact this has had or will have on other services and service users; if a value for money audit was carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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

HSE Dublin South Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare funds the National Council for the Blind Ireland (NCBI) via a Section 39 Service Level agreement, the total amount of funding provided this year is €184,930.00. HSE Dublin South Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare has not funded the lease of a building in Tallaght for the National Council for the Blind Ireland (NCBI).

The NCBI has confirmed the following with the HSE:

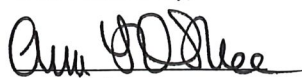
“The €740,000 cost of developing the Tallaght Cross Services Centre was entirely borne by the NCBI. No HSE funding whatsoever was used by the NCBI in developing the centre. The NCBI sourced this funding from:

- 1) €400,000 private loan from the Ulster Bank and
- 2) the remainder from NCBI’s capital reserves (typically fundraised income from NCBI Retail and NCBI Foundation)”

If you would like further information in regard to this project please contact Aaron Mullaniff, National Services, Strategy and Performance Manager NCBI by Phone: 01 830 7033 or Email: [aaron.mullaniff@ncbi.ie](mailto:aaron.mullaniff@ncbi.ie)

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Chief Officer