



**Emer Higgins TD**  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

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**PQ 13776/20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the amount made available by the HSE to organisations through National Lottery funding in 2010; the amount that will be made available by the HSE to organisations through National Lottery funding in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Emer Higgins”**

Dear Deputy Higgins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 13776/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Lottery provides funding annually to the Health Service Executive for good causes in the area of health and the Health Service Executive administers the applications and grant payment processes. We do not have records for grant payments in 2010 but I can confirm that in 2019 the Health Service Executive paid out 1,385 separate grants totalling €4.1m to organisations in all parts of the country. In March 2020 the applications process for 2020 grants was launched but unfortunately this had to be suspended as many of the staff involved in the applications process were redeployed to Covid-19 support roles. The Health Service Executive intends to re-launch the 2020 process and when a date for same has been confirmed this will be announced on the Health Service Executive website, social media and local newspapers across the country. It is expected that the total grant payments in 2020 will be in line with the 2019 total.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhán Mc Ardle'.

**Siobhán Mc Ardle**  
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