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Mr Joe Flaherty T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 16409/20

To ask the Minister for Health if the disparity in pay for staff at a facility (details supplied) will be addressed - Joe Flaherty.

(Details) - St Christopher's Services facility in Longford; It is a situation that has festered since 2013 when the HSE stopped funding the cost of staff increments. The average wage differential for staff is €6,500 per annum and at present the funding gap is approximately €1.2m per annum and it will widen by a further €300,000 per annum moving forward. There is also the issue of €1.3m in arrears due for affected staff

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

I wish to confirm that the HSE have not received funding for staff increments in Section 39 Organisations since 2010. The HSE are not in a position to fund staff increments in the absence of same. Should the HSE receive such funding it will be allocated as appropriate to the Section 39 providers.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
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