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Deputy Martin Browne,

Dail Eireann

Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 13162/20

To ask the Minister for Health the funding supports available for community-based mental health charities which provide counselling services and are operated by local volunteers.

Deputy Martin Browne,

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 the following outlines the position.

A considerable number of organisations are funded by the HSE to provide different levels of mental health or suicide prevention services, resources or supports. At present, the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) funds 20 non-governmental organisations (NGOs), most of which provide counselling or support at different levels.

1. Aware
2. BeLonG To Youth Services
3. SpunOut.ie
4. Dublin Simon Community
5. First Fortnight Ltd
6. GAA
7. ISPCC/Childline
8. LGBT Ireland



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9. Men's Health Forum Ireland
10. MyMind
11. National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF)
12. Pieta House
13. Samaritans
14. Shine (SeeChange, Headline)
15. Suicide or Survive (SOS)
16. Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI)
17. Turn2Me
18. Union of Students in Ireland
19. Exchange House
20. National Family Resource Centres Mental Health Promotion Project

In addition, HSE Mental Health fund the following non-governmental organisations (NGOs),

1. Grow Ireland
2. Hyperactivity Attention Deficit Disorder (HADD) family support group.
3. Mental Health Ireland
4. Mental Health Reform
5. Jigsaw
6. BodyWhys

These organisations are funded on a national basis by the NOSP, as their work is in alignment with specific goals, objectives or actions within Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide. They provide a wide variety of services including counselling, day programmes, dedicated telephone and online helplines and advocacy services for all members of the community.

The majority of these organisations use volunteers, in different ways, e.g., in the provision of a particular service or support, events, ambassadors etc. It should be noted that each are independent Section 39 organisations with a Board of Directors who have responsibility to adhere to compliance with the law and support best



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practice in the governance, management and administration as set out by the Charities Regulator. Funding provided by the HSE is restricted and provided for specific purposes which are agreed annually with each organisation, in Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

You can find more details of funding to these agencies, and the details of their work, in the NOSP annual reports, available here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/nosp/about/annualreports/>

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 that reads "Jim Ryan".

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