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Deputy Sean Fleming, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Fleming,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ: 8454/20

To ask the Minister for Health the detailed financial support provided to the private nursing home sector to deal with Covid-19; the amount of payments that have been paid in support of this during April and May 2020 to date; and the expected payments for June, July and August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

A Temporary Assistance Payment Scheme has been announced by the State to support Nursing Homes by a contribution towards additional costs arising from Covid-19. The Health Service Executive (**HSE**) will administer the scheme and make payments to the Nursing Homes. The Department of Health has requested that the National Treatment Purchase Fund (**NTPF**) administer the application process and provide support and advice to the HSE.

Since the commencement of the Scheme, payment to the value of €9.053m has been transferred to 358 Nursing Homes. A total of €72.5m has been made available to fund the Scheme.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

Sandra Tuohy,
Assistant National Director,
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