

26th May 2020

Deputy Pa Day,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ 4071/20

“To ask the Minister for Health if the €60,000 cut in funding for an association (details supplied) will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: Kerry Parents and Friends

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) is a Section 39 organisation which is funded by Cork Kerry Community Healthcare to provide a range of services and supports to adults with intellectual and physical disabilities and autism. Services and supports are provided across a range of areas including residential, respite, day services, rehabilitation training, and home supports. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) provides funding through the Service Level Agreement process and the organisation has been allocated funding of €11,623,941 for 2020.

All health services providers are this year working on making savings, and the savings target for KPFA is €60,000. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has sought to discuss with KPFA how it can make savings without impacting services. Initial discussions have taken place with KPFA in relation to efficiency cuts. We have made it very clear that these savings must not impact on the people using KPFA's services and they are to revert with areas identified where these efficiencies can be made within their organisation.

In the last two years, we have secured a significant amount of additional funding for KPFA and we will continue to work with the association to ensure there is no impact from these savings on the people using KPFA's valuable services.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Your sincerely,



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