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PQ 4826/20: To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate the participant payment for a service (Soilse Addiction Rehabilitation Service, Dublin) – Mary Lou McDonald

Dear Deputy McDonald,

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.

The HSE in deploying its responsibilities to provide health and personal social service must ensure that any payments made, comply with all financial regulations. In May 2019 HSE management became aware that payment was being made to Soilse service participants signed off locally that did not comply with National Financial regulations. Since this time HSE Addiction Service management have worked with Soilse management locally to ensure any changes made to payments received by participants attending the Soilse programme would not impact participants who were in receipt of this payment in 2019. However, the HSE is not in a position to provide this payment to new entrants of the programme in 2020.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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