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Health Service Executive

Deputy Patrick Costello TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 33133 20:** To ask the Minister for Health the financial support provided by his Department to the St. John's Ambulance Service for 2020; and the estimated support for 2021

Dear Deputy Costello,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The St John's Ambulance website states that they receive no State funding and are entirely dependent on contributions from the public and donations made to the Organisation for services rendered by their volunteer members.

A payment of €29.7k was made to St John's Ambulance by CHO9 in July 2020 in response to a requested donation for the provision of ambulance and personnel from 21<sup>st</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the Covid test centres in the Croke Park complex.

The National Lottery Grants process for 2020 which was due to start in March 2020 was postponed due to Covid 19. The process started in August 2020 and is still ongoing. At this point we are not in a position to confirm if 2020 National Lottery funding has been allocated to St John's Ambulance service.

Subject to Covid 19 the 2021 National Lottery process is due to commence in March 2021 and the process is expected to be finalised by September 2021.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>sarah.anderson1@hse.ie</u> or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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