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To ask the Minister for Health the sports organisations that have received funding by the HSE National Office for Suicide to provide suicide or mental health services; the process for applying for this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

The HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) has been requested to respond to your question above.

NOSP funding to sports organisations

All details of NOSP funding are available in our Annual Reports, which you are welcome to access anytime: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/nosp/about/annualreports/>.

In 2019, the only sports-specific organisation funded nationally by the NOSP was the GAA (€60k) - to support the Healthy Club Project (the GAA's flagship health promotion programme) including the promotion and provision of the safeTALK programme.

Other initiatives to support sporting organisations may also be provided more locally, for example through;

- Other NOSP-funded suicide prevention or mental health agencies.
- 17 local Connecting for Life actions plans within local HSE Mental Health and Healthcare Areas structures and supported by 22 HSE Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention nationwide.

Applying for NOSP funding

All HSE funding is allocated subject to a robust funding application process. Organisations can apply for funding through the funding application process which is subject to meeting various criteria and budget being available. All funded organisations must be able to provide evidence that they meet the mandatory governance requirements and that the service they provide is safe, evidence-informed and is of sound financial structure and practice.

NOSP's focus is on NGOs with national reach and/or applicability and that have clear alignment or collaborative participation in, national objectives in Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide.

- Relevant documentation can be found here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/non-statutory-sector/section-39-documentation.html> and specific NOSP-related queries can be directed to our office.

I trust this information is useful for you. Please do revert should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,



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