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PQ Number: 21133/20

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of eliminating the deficits in section 39 organisations

PQ Number: 21462/20

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of clearing the deficit for all section 38 and 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Under the 2004 Health Act, the HSE funds in excess of 2,000 independent legal entities for the provision of supports and services in both community and acute settings. The majority of these providers come under the provisions of section 39 of the Health Act.

There is currently no definite detail in relation to the extent section 38 and section 39 organisations are carrying potential deficit concerns. It should be noted that the HSE is a part funder of many section 39 organisations and engages with those organisations in relation to HSE funding only.

The HSE is aware and is working with providers in the Disability sector where there is concern in relation to the sustainability of that sector, including from a funding point of view. A point in time analysis was undertaken in this area previously, which indicated a financial challenge in the order of circa €47.8m. The HSE continues to work with stakeholders in identifying and implementing more appropriate long term solutions and reforms to the challenges identified.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne O'Connor'.

Anne O'Connor
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