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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 61709 21: To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on and by section 38 organisations from 2017 to date.
PQ 61710 21: To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on and by section 39 organisations from 2017 to date.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 PQs above have been referred to me for response.

Each year the HSE Annual Report and Financial Statements (AFS) Appendix 1, details HSE Revenue and Capital grants to Section 38 & 39 agencies, charities and other grant funded organisations. All agencies in receipt of grants greater than €100k are listed by name. This information is available from the HSE website at the following link <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html>, with all HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements listed from 2005 to 2020. In Appendix 1 of the AFS, the categories of funded organisations (for example section 38s & 39s) are not separately identifiable. The data is compiled on an annual basis, therefore data for 2021 is not available at this time.

The data in Appendix 1 of the AFS is collated centrally on an annual basis and subject to audit for the purposes of the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS) process. Due to the limitations in the HSE financial systems and the lack of a single standard financial system for the Health Sector this data must be collated as part of an extensive and resource intensive exercise. I regret to inform you that, due to the limitations in our financial systems, we are unable to extract the subcategory 'Section 39' or 'Section 38' from our records of 'grants to outside agencies' for state funding and therefore Section 39 or Section 38 organisations are not separately identifiable.

The shortcomings in our legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

Please note that the information provided in Appendix 1 of the AFS is the grant funding by the HSE to outside agencies. For information on the spend by Section 38 and 39 voluntary entities, you should submit requests to the entities directly. Contact details for voluntary hospitals are available at <http://foi.gov.ie/voluntary-hospitals/>.

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

Yours sincerely

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