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Dublin 8

16th April 2021

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

Re PQ 16391 21: To ask the Minister for Health the service level agreements which the HSE is currently party to by organisation type, that is, private provider, section 39 organisation and so on; the annual cost of each agreement in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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 PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see the Tables attached in Appendix 1 to this letter (separate Excel attachment) provided by the HSE Compliance Unit, as sourced from the HSE Service Provider Governance (SPG) system, which sets out the Service Arrangements entered as funded in 2020, and broken down by category. Please note that the SPG system is separate from the HSE Financial systems.

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 2019. The 2020 AFS are currently in the process of being finalised and so the HSE AFS Appendix 1 schedules are not available at this time for 2020 but will be available in due course once published. In Appendix 1 of the AFS, the categories of funded organisations are not separately identifiable.

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 subcategories by organisation type.

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.

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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| NON-STATUTORY SECTOR | |
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| YEAR END 2020 (as at 01.03.21) | |
| TYPE OF SERVICE ARRANGEMENT | NO. OF SERVICE PROVIDERS |
| Section 38 - Service Arrangements (Voluntary) | 38 |
| Section 39 - Service Arrangements (Voluntary) | 335 |
| For-Profit Service Arrangements | 239 |
| Out-of-State Service Arrangements | - 18 |
| Total Service Arrangements | 630 |

Note:

- (i) Service Providers on the attached worksheets are listed by their legal names
- (ii) Service Providers set out herewith are based on entries made on the Service Provider Governance System (SPG) in respect of 2020. In that regard it should be noted that the SPG is not a finance system.