

11th August, 2021

Mr Joe Flaherty T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Oifig an Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Re: Parliamentary Question - 22678/21

To ask the Minister for Health the details for the planned payment of €800,000 for services to address historical underfunding at the service provider - St Christopher's Services Longford.

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

Following extensive discussions between HSE Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation and St Christopher's Services, Longford an additional €806,000 in once-off funding has been allocated. This funding is to cover the cost of specific initiatives following the receipt of business cases and is not to address historical issues.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer

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