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Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 52273/21

To ask the Minister for Health the ten disability service providers that received the highest amount of funding in 2020; the amount each of these disability service providers received in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Disability Services has been allocated €2.2 billion in 2021. This funding is providing Disability Services throughout the country, including Residential, Day and Respite Services; Home Support & Personal Assistant Services; Early Intervention Services and Multidisciplinary supports for children and adults. The majority of specialised disability provision (80%) is delivered through non-statutory sector service providers.

The HSE acknowledges the role and contribution of non-statutory agencies in the development and provision of health and personal social services and is committed to the development of effective working relationships as enacted by the Health Act 2004. That Act provides that the HSE may, subject to available resources, and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate, fund the services provided by non-statutory providers.

Funding to non statutory services providers is provided through Section 38 and 39 of the Health Act, 2004. This funding is governed by either Service Arrangements or Grant Aid Agreements, which identifies service delivery provided by the agency in return for the money being provided to them.

The profile of the non statutory service providers ranges from large, long-established and nationally recognised service providers providing essential services, to smaller organisations that have evolved over the years providing non-acute services, advocacy or other related support to local communities.

The HSE has a formal and robust Governance Framework in place that enables the HSE to contractually underpin the funding provided. All funding arrangements with non-statutory agencies are formalised by complying with this Governance Framework, which has 2 different components:

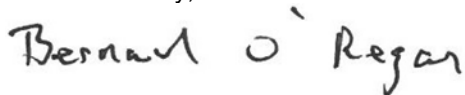
- Part 1 - A Service Arrangement that is signed every 3 years or less by both parties and sets out the legal requirements that the agency must comply with to receive funding for the provision of services.
- Part 2 – A Set of 10 Schedules which must be completed and signed by the Agency and the HSE which sets out the detail of the service and the exact funding that the HSE is providing for the delivery of this service. This Set of Schedules, which is signed annually, also identifies the quality standards and best practice guidelines to be adhered to in the provision all services, along with process for managing complaints in relation to service provision.

The service arrangement between the HSE and a provider is an important contractual document that sets out the funding provided by the state to deliver services. The HSE is statutorily obliged to ensure that providers are accountable for the services they provide.

The framework was introduced to implement the legislative provisions of the Health Act, 2004 and to reflect the requirements for public accountability where the HSE is legally obliged to account for all public expenditure on health and personal social services

Please see Appendix 1 attached which gives information on the ten disability service providers that received the highest amount of funding in 2020 and the amount each of these disability service providers received.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Operations - Disability Services,
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Appendix 1

	Parent Organisation	2020 Total Funding
1	Brothers of Charity Services Ireland	€233,012,844.91
2	Saint John of God Community Services Company Limited by Guarantee	€162,215,112.74
3	Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services Company Limited by Guarantee	€126,988,437.00
4	St Michael's House	€97,146,894.00
5	Rehab Group (Community Support - Care)	€70,399,413.57
6	Muiriosa Foundation	€62,341,677.83
7	Nua Healthcare Services Limited	€59,092,309.39
8	COPE Foundation	€58,991,605.00
9	Stewarts Care Limited	€53,301,115.00
10	I.W.A. Company Limited by Guarantee	€45,474,320.98

Please note:

The funding information in the table above is from the Service Provider Governance System (SPG) as at the date indicated, and represents the funding arrangement allocations entered by the operational system. SPG is not a finance or payment system and figures will fluctuate on a continuum as updates on governance arrangement are uploaded.