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Health Service Executive

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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh  
TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 52595 21:** *To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided annually to charities (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the vital work of same as an aid to hospitals during and before the Covid-19 pandemic (Details supplied: each of the regional Irish blood bike services)*

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

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.

Funding of €10,000 was distributed by the HSE to Cu Chulainn Blood Bikes and €1,321 to Blood Bikes South East, both in 2020, under the National Lottery Grant Scheme. These were the only grants identified in 2020 or the preceding 5 years as being paid to a service with the words 'blood bike' in their name.

The data was sourced from the HSE Annual Financial Statements data which is compiled on an annual basis, therefore data for 2021 is not available at this time. The data 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.

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](mailto:sarah.anderson1@hse.ie) or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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