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Deputy Patricia Ryan TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to each local first responder group in counties Laois, Offaly and Kildare in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy Ryan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

Community First Responder (CFR) groups nationally are individual groups in their own right who are linked to National Ambulance Service (NAS) for the purpose of dispatch to incidents and providing them with training, support and cover under the State Claims Agency.

CFR groups fundraise for themselves within the communities in which they serve making them completely self-sufficient.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman Deputy Director

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