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**PQ Number: 50518/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding available to statutory bodies that provide mental health services to refer persons to community and voluntary organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The annual estimates process is the mechanism for all areas to seek development funding for new specific initiatives including funding for voluntary organisations. The Mental Health delivery team assess all development submissions from each CHO so that they align with Sharing the Vision along with other criteria. In essence, if a particular initiative is deemed to be a high priority development and satisfies the relevant criteria then it will be submitted to the Department of Health for funding through the annual estimates process, in which case Mental Health will be notified on budget day of any new funding assigned.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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