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Ms. Kathleen Funchion T.D.  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 20789/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to an organisation (SOS Kilkenny) to provide a four-bedded residential home in Kilkenny City.**

Dear Deputy Funchion,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

SOS have advised SECH that they have a number of individual cases which they are advocating will require funding for residential services in 2022.

The HSE and SOS met on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and there was agreement to fully review the ongoing and changing needs of the entire service. This review will commence in the coming month.

Please be advised that the provision of residential services has come under further pressure in recent years. South East Community Healthcare are operating within limited resources and there is an increase in the number of persons that are seeking access to residential services. The need for increased residential facilities is acknowledged and the HSE continues to work with agencies to explore various options to respond to this need in line with resources available. At all times, service providers and the HSE are balancing the needs of multiple service users and aiming to meet the needs of the maximum number of service users, within the available resources.

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

Yours sincerely,

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