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Deputy Willie O’Dea,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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60463/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to provide funding to a foundation (Cliona’s Foundation) a charity that provides financial assistance directly to parents of children with life-limiting or chronic complex care needs across Ireland, to help with the non-medical expenses related to caring for their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Willie O’Dea

Dear Deputy O’Dea,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ60463/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE funds many groups and organisations who provide health and personal social services on a national level in order to support service delivery. This is done through Section 38 and 39 Service Arrangements and Grant Aid Agreements. There is an application process with standard criteria whereby priority is given to applications that align with HSE strategy and the national service plan.

I understand that the mission of Cliona’s Foundation is to provide financial assistance for families with a life limiting condition and accordingly is not funded by the HSE. I also understand that Cliona’s Foundation has previously received grant funding from Pobal on behalf of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection which would be the most appropriate funding stream in light of the foundation’s mission.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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