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Deputy Colm Burke TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 61232 22: *To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes in County Cork that have benefited from supports to deal with the cost of energy in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

In early November 2022, the Minister for Health and the Minister for Mental Health and Older People announced the launch of the Temporary Inflation Payment Scheme (TIPS), an additional support to help private and voluntary nursing homes with inflationary energy cost increases from July to December 2022. The purpose of the additional support is to make sure nursing homes do not experience difficulties in delivering services due to the rise in energy costs.

All private and voluntary nursing homes that have an agreement with the National Treatment Purchase Fund for 'Fair Deal' are eligible to apply for this additional support for July to December 2022.

Under the TIPS each nursing home can apply for up to €31,500 in vouched energy increases. Nursing homes can claim for heating and electricity increases of up to €7,000 per month, with 75% of year-on-year cost increases to be reimbursed up to a maximum payment of €5,250 per month per nursing home, backdated to 1st July 2022.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the number of Co. Cork Nursing Homes that have been in receipt of TIPS payments as at 8th December 2022 was 14.

The Temporary Inflation Payment Scheme (TIPS) will run in parallel to the COVID-19 Temporary Assistance Payment Scheme (TAPS) which has been extended to the end of 2022.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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