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PQ 61747/22 To ask the Minister for Health if a new target date for the transfer of monies for the special pandemic recognition payment from the HSE to nursing homes has been established; the measures that are being taken to ensure that this is met; if those applications that were not submitted until 18 November 2022 (details supplied) will be processed in time for the transfer of monies to nursing homes before Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joe McHugh

Details supplied: because of the need of many nursing homes to ensure that former employees entitled to SPRP were not included on HSE lists or lists of their new employers

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Representation which was sent to the HSE for response.

An independent company (KOSI) was engaged by the HSE as the Scheme Administrator on 20th October 2022.

The HSE has identified a list of potential employers of front-line workers who may be eligible for the Pandemic Special Recognition Payment (PSRP) in the following cohorts:

- (1) Private Sector long-term residential care facilities for older people (nursing homes) and hospices, whether they be Private, Voluntary, Section 39;
- (2) Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities;
- (3) Agency/contract staff who worked in clinical settings for the HSE or within Cohorts 1, 2 and 4 (e.g. an nurse, doctor, cleaner, paramedic);
- (4) Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE.

KOSI has directly engaged with agencies meeting the criteria and the process for Employers to claim for current and former employees eligible for PSRP has been outlined.

Employers can be directed to the dedicated email address psrp@kosicorp.com and dedicated helpline 01 9601700 where members of the KOSI team will assist with any queries employers have in relation to current or past employees. It is important to note that KOSI only deal directly with employers with the exception of an employee whose employer is no longer trading and current employer not in scope.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

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Yours sincerely,

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