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PQ 62823/22 To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding the payment of the special pandemic recognition award to non-HSE staff and non-Section 38 staff who are eligible for this payment; if a third party contractor has been awarded a contract to administer this payment; if so, the date the third party contractor was awarded same; the number of employers that the third party contractor has made contact with on by county basis in tabular form; when payments will commence to non-HSE and non-Section 38 staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Ring

Dear Deputy,

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

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.

At the 16/12/2022, a total of 862 organisations have been issued a claim pack and 229 organisations have been approved for payment – (*Note* 195 of these organisations are contractors/agencies and do not have a single county location.*) 15,955 employees have been paid.

667 organisations across cohorts 1, 2 and 4 received claim packs by county as detailed below:

County	
Carlow	9
Cavan	7
Clare	16
Cork	67
Donegal	16
Dublin	185
Galway	50
Kerry	19
Kildare	33
Kilkenny	14

Laois	4
Leitrim	3
Limerick	32
Longford	5
Louth	15
Mayo	21
Meath	24
Monaghan	7
Northern Ireland	2
Offaly	8
Roscommon	11
Sligo	11
Sligo	1
Tipperary	33
Waterford	13
Westmeath	13
Wexford	19
Wicklow	28
Wicklow	1
Total	667

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.

Yours sincerely,

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