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August 17, 2022 **Deputy David Cullinane,** Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 37419/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the full cost of all services, assessments or interventions to children with disabilities provided by non-HSE organisations through primary care services from 2016 to date, broken down by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 37419/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care Services are providers of services for children with non-complex difficulties in functional skills and/or applied skill sets required for activities of daily living, learning new skills and social interactions.

It should be noted that children and adults with a disability are entitled to access the full range of services and supports provided by the HSE, and they do not need to do this through the supports provided by Specialist Community Disability Services.

Access to Primary Care Services is determined by the range and extent of the child's functional difficulties and the level of uni-disciplinary and multidisciplinary supports required. Primary Care offers services to all patients equally based on priority and therefore do not have data on funding specifically for children with a disability.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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