



25th August 2022

Deputy Jackie Cahill,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 40094/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the amount of Government funding that was provided under the general medical, medical card, PRSI, treatment benefit, and other relevant schemes, to audiologists, clinicians, and hearing aid providers, in counties Tipperary and Waterford for the provision of audiological services including diagnostic, screening and treatment services, and the fitting, provision and maintenance of hearing aids and appliances, cochlear implants, etc., for each of the calendar years 2017 to 2021; the amount of funding that was allocated to individual practitioners and providers in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 40094/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please find below a table which outlines the amount of Government funding that was provided under the general medical, medical card, PRSI, treatment benefit, and other relevant schemes, to audiologists, clinicians, and hearing aid providers, for the provision of audiological services including diagnostic, screening and treatment services, and the fitting, provision and maintenance of hearing aids and appliances, cochlear implants, etc., for each of the calendar years 2017 to 2021 and the amount of funding that was allocated to individual practitioners.

Please note that as HSE Audiology services are provided on a regional basis, we are unable to provide this information at a county level.

Therefore the below table details Audiology spend for the following regional areas:

- CHO 3 (Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary, and Limerick)
- CHO 5 (South Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, and Waterford).

CHO	Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CHO 3	Pay	€253,432	€250,840	€306,049	€294,889	€345,931
CHO 3	Non-Pay	€438,638	€170,304	€244,005	€316,524	€306,829
CHO 3	Individual practitioners/Providers	0	0	0	0	0
CHO 5	Pay	€343,000	€272,000	€338,000	€325,000	€260,000

CHO 5	Non-Pay	€1,919	€1,145	€1,361	€29,798	€19,560
CHO 5	Individual practitioners/Providers	0	0	0	0	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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