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**To ask the Minister for Health the way that monies spent on non-statutory agencies in the provision of health and social care services is quantified in respect of cost-benefit analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

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Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response. I apologise for the delay in responding to you and any inconvenience caused.

As you will be aware the HSE may enter into arrangements with certain bodies or persons in accordance with Section 38 or Section 39 of the Health Act 2004, on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate. In practice the HSE requires such bodies or persons to have in place a written agreement (a "Service Arrangement" or a "Grant Aid Agreement"), which is a legal contract outlining the terms and conditions under which funding is made available.

As part of the negotiations underpinning the Grant Aid Agreements/Service Arrangements, HSE managers determine the benefit of the services that are being funded and the quantum of service to be delivered for the funding. While they do not contain a formal cost benefit analysis process Service Arrangements and Grant Aid Agreements are managed and monitored both in terms of expenditure and activity/deliverables so as to ensure the written agreement is delivered to provide maximum benefit for the service users who utilise the funded services.

More information on the requirements which non-statutory agencies must fulfil can be found on the HSE website via the following link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/non-statutory-sector/>

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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