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Deputy Alan Dillon  
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**Re PQ 33940/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if funding or grant assistance is available for a person seeking admission into a private addiction treatment facility (Smarmore Clinic) and who is not in a position to afford such treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Alan Dillon**

Dear Deputy Dillon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Smarmore Castle Private Clinic is an inpatient unit for treating addiction, detox and rehabilitation together with patients presenting with a dual diagnosis. HSE Addiction Services, Midlands Louth Meath do have an allocated budget to support service users who wish to engage in this residential facility.

Referrals to this facility are made following a comprehensive assessment which is completed by a HSE Addiction Service Clinician with a service user who is engaged with the service.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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