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Deputy Thomas Gould TD
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To ask the Minister for Health if the funding that was made available for addiction family support services in Budget 2021 was distributed through a tendering process; and the reason that the decision was made to engage in competitive tendering for these services. -Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Following the HSE Estimates Process for NSP 2021, funding was provided in Budget 2021. In line with a gap identified by the National Family Support Network, an allocation of €70,000 was provided to four areas: Donegal, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan, Cavan/Monaghan, Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth/Meath, and Dublin North, Dublin North Central, Dublin North West.

Funding was provided to the relevant CHOs and subsequently, where a tendering process was entered into, this was in line with HSE Procurement Policy. Once the tender was awarded the successful applicant was required to enter into a standard application and negotiation process which is within the HSE Governance Framework for non-statutory agencies.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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