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Kildare Street,  
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24/03/2022

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 12731/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that applied for the special measures for safe visiting, temporary assistance payment scheme announced by him in December 2021; the number that were granted the funds; the total outlay by his Department on the measures; the checks that were carried out to ensure that the work was carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**1. The number of nursing homes that applied for the special measures for safe visiting**

The Visiting Infrastructure Grant was introduced to support Nursing Homes with up to €2,500 to facilitate visits to residents through the installation of appropriate infrastructure. The NTPF received claims from 207 Nursing Homes in respect of the 'Visiting Infrastructure Grant'.

**2. The number that were granted the funds**

Of the 207 claims received, 195 were approved for funding.

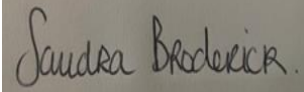
**3. The total outlay by his Department on the measures;**

A total of €425,467 was paid in respect of these claims, an average payment of €2,182 per claim.

**4. The checks that were carried out to ensure that the work was carried out**

Claims, including evidence of costs incurred, were submitted by Nursing Homes to the NTPF for review prior to payment. I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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**Sandra Broderick**  
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