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Mr. Paul Kehoe TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

## PQ 15531/22

To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by Hope Cancer Support Centre, 22 Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford for a section 39 grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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

*I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.* 

I can confirm that the HOPE centre was in receipt of funding from the HSE up to 2020. In March 2021, the centre made an application for an increase in funding. It appears that during the process of considering this application increase, no agreement was achieved in development of the GAA for 2021.

The HSE are in the process of reviewing services for Palliative care throughout the region to ensure we can progress toward the national palliative care strategy of supporting people throughout the region. Funding for the HOPE organisation will be considered within the context of the overall service development.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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