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RE PQ 22347/22

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the latest round of homecare tenders which were delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic; if there have been substantial changes to the tender since last initiated; the reason for adopting a volume-based approach; if there will be a minimum bid or costing of tender; if there will be no minimum; the manner in which workers rights will be safeguarded under offers which undercut rates required for the sustainability of existing community and voluntary providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response

Deputy Cullinane,

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 Health for response.

The current Homecare contracts are not due to expire until the end of 2022.


The HSE is currently considering and developing a suitable tender strategy to meet service requirements. At this time that strategy has not been finalised.

Service standards and value for money will be addressed in the tender, as they have been in previous tenders.

Worker's rights are governed by applicable employment law, and all tenderers are required to comply with those laws.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via ohop@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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