



15th June 2022

Deputy Thomas Gould TD
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PQ Number: 27960/22

To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a decision was taken to engage in competitive tendering for family support network funding announced in Budget 2021; if this is a result of European Union directives; and if so, if he will name the directive.

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:

As referenced in your PQ the 'family support network,' did not receive funding in 2021. I have included, however, details around the allocation of €70,000, which was provided on a recurring basis to enhance family support services under the National Drug & Alcohol Strategy's Strategic Action, number 2.1.17 *to further strengthen services to support families affected by substance misuse.*

CHO Area	Allocation
Donegal, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan, Cavan/Monaghan	€70,000 (Recurring)
Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork	€70,000 (Recurring)
Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth/Meath	€70,000 (Recurring)
Dublin North, Dublin North Central, Dublin North West	€70,000 (Recurring)

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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