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PQ/54110/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the date that his Department intends to issue the €1,000 Covid-19 pandemic bonus payment to Section 39 agency staff (County Roscommon Disability Support Group, Derrane, Co Roscommon); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

I refer to PQ/54110/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 27th October 2022 and due for response on the 21st November 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning "the date that his Department intends to issue the €1,000 Covid-19 pandemic bonus payment to Section 39 agency staff (County Roscommon Disability Support Group, Derrane, Co Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter." The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised a process is currently being finalised nationally in relation to the pandemic payment for staff working in Section 39 Agencies. Once finalised, the HSE will await funding from the Department of Health with regard to payment of the Pandemic Special Recognition Payment to Section 39 Agencies. Once the HSE are allocated the funding, Community Healthcare West will distribute same to the relevant agencies.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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