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Dear Deputy Harkin,

The Health Service Executive 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: 52910/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the amount of the €4 million funding in Budget 2023 requested by an organisation (details supplied) that was allocated to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: Acquired Brain Injury Ireland - ABII

HSE Response

ABII is a Section 39 voluntary organisation which was set up in June 2000 in response to the need for services for people with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). ABII aims to enable people with ABI to live an independent life in the community, by providing and maintaining a supportive living environment.

ABII works in partnership with the HSE to provide a range of flexible and tailor made services for people with acquired brain injury, in direct response to local identified needs. Services provided by ABII nationwide include:

- Fourteen Assisted Living Services;
- Home & Community Rehabilitation / Outreach Services;
- Day Resource Services;
- Family Support Services / Home Liaison / Social Work;
- Psychological Services; and
- Acquired Brain Injury Awareness Information, Training and Education Programmes.

ABII is funded under Section 39 of the Health Act and is scheduled to receive funding in 2022 of €15,528,735.*



The role of the HSE is to provide a multi-disciplinary team approach, which includes the provision of health and personal supports required by people with Acquired Brain Injury incorporating hospital, primary care and community services.

The HSE provides and also funds Service Providers to provide a range of community services to people with a disability including acquired brain injury. These include Assisted Living Services, Therapy Services, Neurorehabilitation Services, Day Services, Respite Care and the provision of Medical/surgical Aids and Appliances

As the HSE has only just received the Letter of Determination (LOD), the process in relation to setting out funding for the National Service Plan 2023 has only just commenced.

However, funding to individual Service Providers including ABII would normally be done through the Service Arrangements process at local HSE level.

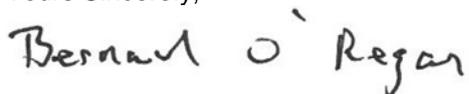
The HSE has a formal and robust Governance Framework in place that enable the HSE to contractually underpin the grant-funding provided. All funding arrangements with non-statutory agencies are formalised by complying with this Governance Framework which has 2 different components:

- Part 1 - A Service Arrangement that is signed every 1 to 3 years by both parties and sets out the legal requirements that the agency must comply with to receive funding for the provision of services.
- Part 2 – A Set of 10 Schedules which must be completed and signed by the Agency and the HSE which sets out the detail of the service and the exact funding that the HSE is providing for the delivery of this service. This Set of Schedules also identifies the quality standards and best practice guidelines to be adhered to in the provision all services, along with process for managing complaints in relation to service provision.

The service arrangement between the HSE and a provider is an important contractual document that sets out the funding provided by the state to deliver services. The HSE is statutorily obliged to ensure that providers are accountable for the services they provide. The framework was introduced to implement the legislative provisions of the Health Act, 2004 and to reflect the requirements for public accountability where the HSE is legally obliged to account for all public expenditure on health and personal social services.

* Please note:- The funding Information provided above is from the SPG system at the date indicated, and represents the funding arrangement allocations entered by the operational system. SPG is not a finance or payment system and figures will fluctuate on a continuum as updates on governance arrangement are uploaded.

Yours Sincerely,



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