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Minister Josepha Madigan  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

***Re: PQ 42931/22 - "To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering providing core funding for a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter".***

*Detail supplied: Down Syndrome Centre, Sandyford, Dublin 18*

Dear Minister Madigan,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

The Down Syndrome Centre are a registered charity and are listed with the Charities Regulator. They can apply to the HSE through the following streams:

1. HSE Governance Framework for Non-Statutory Agencies. A standard application and negotiation process exists within this framework whereby the HSE considers applications for funding. The Application form (attached) is completed and submitted for the attention of the Disability Service Manager, HSE Community Healthcare East, Block B, Civic Centre, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
2. National Lottery Grant

All Applications are considered for funding under the following criteria:

- Aligned to government and HSE policy
- Governance
- No duplication of service provision
- Net benefit to service users
- Risks
- Resources available (once off / ongoing revenue)

The Down Syndrome Centre received funding through the National lottery Grants in 2019.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Patricia McEvoy, Head of Disability Services**