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PQ 16649/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a pathway for hospital staff who applied for the pandemic special recognition payment on appeal, were turned down and have no facility to appeal the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Rose Conway-Walsh

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

The response below refers to staff working for the HSE or S38 Agencies.

An Appeals process was established to review the written submissions of individuals who were not approved for the pandemic recognition and an Appeals Board was appointed, independent of the HSE.

The Board have committed to contacting each individual applicant and his/her manager to inform of their decision in relation to the appeals received. All appeal applicants should have received a communication issued from the Appeals Board in February, 2023.

However applications to the Appeals Board is now closed.

The Government has expressed sincere gratitude to all healthcare workers for their efforts during what has been a challenging period for our health services. The Department appreciates that those who do not qualify for this particular payment may feel disappointed, and that they too have made a significant contribution to the State's response to the pandemic but it was a difficult decision to set the boundaries here.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Marie O'Sullivan
National HR