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Deputy Róisín Shortall
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Leinster House
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Re: PQ 18223/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to ShannonDoc under the Service Level Agreement in each of the years since 2018, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of this funding allocation in each year including staff wages; if this funding took account of the Building Momentum pay agreement; if staff benefited from these pay increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

At the outset, I must advise that ShannonDoc is a private co-operative which is owned and part funded by c170 members (i.e. General Practitioners) located across counties Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary.

I can confirm that the HSE has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place with ShannonDoc for the provision of Out of Hours GP services to GMS (medical card) patients across the Mid West region.

I am outlining in the table below the funding provided to ShannonDoc by the HSE in line with the terms of the Service Level Agreement:

Year	Funding provided by HSE Mid West
2018	€5,230,259.41
2019	€5,166,510.41
2020	€6,818,681.26
2021	€5,091,229.00
2022	€5,007,108.00

The ancilliary services provided by ShannonDoc on behalf of the HSE include the following:

- GP Out of Hours service provided to the Community Nursing Units (CNU's)
- Pathology/Blood specimen service for GPs in the Mid West region to an agreed schedule and delivery to HSE Laboratories as directed.
- ShannonDoc facilitates the organisation of the Forensic Medical Service (FME) by acting as a link between An Garda Siochana, the GP and the HSE. ShannonDoc manages the associated payments to the on-duty GPs.
- ShannonDoc also facilitates the provision of sessional GPs to the HSE Mid West Drug & Alcohol Service to assist with the Primary Care Drug Assessment Unit (PCDAU) Methadone Clinic.

As ShannonDoc is a private entity, I am not in a position to comment in relation to the remuneration of staff who are directly employed by ShannonDoc. These staff are paid directly by ShannonDoc and not the HSE.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,



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