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PQ 6746/23 To ask the Minister for Health when staff in a section 39 organisation (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Ring
Details supplied: section 39 workers with Rehab care

Dear Deputy,

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

KOSI was engaged by the HSE as the Scheme Administrator on 20th October 2022.

The HSE has identified a list of potential employers of front-line workers who may be eligible for the Pandemic Special Recognition Payment (PSRP) in the following cohorts:

(1)   Private Sector long-term residential care facilities for older people (nursing homes) and hospices, whether they be Private, Voluntary, Section 39;

(2)   Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities;

(3)   Agency/contract staff who worked in clinical settings for the HSE or within Cohorts 1, 2 and 4 (e.g. an nurse, doctor, cleaner, paramedic);

(4)   Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE.

KOSI has directly engaged with agencies meeting the criteria and the process for Employers to claim for current and former employees eligible for PSRP has been outlined.

Payments have commenced to the employers who submitted applications that have passed the verification process. **The HSE are not dealing with individual employee queries, instead employees are asked to link with their employers in the first instance with regard to their eligibility.**

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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