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Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

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: 7395/23

To ask the Minister for Health the total funding provided by his Department to an organisation (details supplied); and the breakdown of the funding provided by service and by postcode, in tabular form

Details Supplied: Extern

HSE Response

Extern Ireland is a Section 39 funded service provider organisation, operating since 1978, providing a variety of services including addiction treatment services, disability services, housing and homeless services, skills and employability services, justice services, services to minority communities, refugees, young people and families and mental health and suicide prevention services.

In 2022, this organisation was in receipt of €2,157,428 in funding under Section 39 of the Health Act, 2004. This is broken down in the table below.

CHO	Local Area	Care Group	Amount
CHO 1	Cavan/Monaghan	Social inclusion Services	€84,445
CHO 3	Clare	Disability Services	€81,257
CHO 3	Limerick	Disability Services	€1,525,490
CHO 8	Longford/Westmeath	Social inclusion Services	€244,434
CHO 8	Longford/Westmeath	Social inclusion Services	€132,816
CHO 8	Meath	Social inclusion Services	€88,986

Please note:-The funding Information in the table above has been obtained from the Service Provider Governance system (SPG) and is as at the date indicated. It 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.



It is important to note that the HSE provides funding to Extern Ireland under S39 of the Health Act and 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.

The Service Level Agreement is subject to regular reviews in accordance with required time frames.

Yours Sincerely,



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