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Deputy Conway- Walsh,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 7674/23

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for dealing with protected disclosures in relation to third party organisations funded by the HSE under Section 39 of the Health Act, 2004; the procedure for initiating investigations when deemed necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh

HSE Funded Agencies should have their own Protected Disclosure (PD) process in place to support their employees and employees are encouraged to raise a Protected Disclosure with their employer in the first instance.

Where a HSE Funded Agency employee considers it necessary to go outside their organisation, they can make a disclosure to the HSE under both the Health Act 2004 and the Protected Disclosure Act 2014(amended 2022).

The HSE will accept a Protected Disclosure under these Acts from staff of HSE Funded Agencies and will be manage the Protected Disclosure in line with the HSE Protected Disclosure Procedures as published on hse.ie.

Yours sincerely

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