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PQ 1364/23 To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place to ensure that those employees who worked throughout the pandemic in care facilities which closed in late 2022 will receive their pandemic bonus payment (details supplied). -Joe Flaherty

Details supplied: I have been contacted by several staff members in such a situation and are at a loss as to how to proceed with their payment requests

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.

Employers can be directed to the dedicated email address psrp@kasicorp.com and dedicated helpline 01 9601700 where members of the KOSI team will assist with any queries employers have in relation to current or past employees. It is important to note that KOSI only deal directly with employers with the exception of an employee whose employer is no longer trading and current employer not in scope.

The HSE is aware that there are eligible employees of companies which have since ceased trading and those employees are not currently employed by a company in scope here who could pass on payment to them. A separate process is required and is currently being developed to process payment to such eligible employees. The development of this process will be assisted by the learning and data gained under the existing on-going payment process.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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