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Mr. Mattie McGrath TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 1669/23

To ask the Minister for Health if a cancer support centre, Circle of Friends Cancer Support Centre, Tipperary Town will be approved for Section 39 funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

I can confirm that this application was received in December 2022 and an acknowledgment of same was sent directly to Circle of Friends. All applications received will be reviewed at the next Palliative Care Governance Meeting which is scheduled for late January 2023 and Circle of Friends will be informed of the outcome following this meeting.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Marie Lanigan

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