

23rd January, 2023

Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ 2596/23

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the funding for a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Details supplied: Kerry Deaf Resource Centre – Community K. Balloonagh, Tralee, Co Kerry. V92 Y409. Minister this resource centre have applied for a review on their funding. They were asked to submit a business case outlining the reasons for this review. A meeting took place with the HSE Disability Manager and then a once off funding application was submitted

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to update you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response and which was responded to in October 2022.

Kerry Deaf Resource Centre submitted a business case on 25th October 2022 for increased funding. They made a funding application for Once-Off Funding of €19,076.19 for an upgrade to their drop in centre, for rebranding of Kerry Deaf Resource Centre (KDRC) to Community K, to create a new website, for office furniture and equipment. This Once-Off Funding was approved by HSE and was due to be paid before year end. There has been a slight delay in processing this however it should be in their account within the next few weeks.

Kerry Deaf Resource Centre (now rebranded to Community K) has a Grant Aid Agreement (GAA) with the HSE and receives funding of €89,774 annually for an agreed service delivery of 89 hours per week. The new proposal seeking additional funding to be paid as part of the Service Agreement (SA) process would not fall within the Grant Aid process. All grant aid service funding and service delivery is annually reviewed with each service as part of the Grant Aid process. Grant Aid Annual Review meeting with Community K will be arranged for Tuesday 31st January 2023. Funding and service delivery will be reviewed within this forum for 2023.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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