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Minister Joe O'Brien,
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PQ 3316/23 *"To ask the Minister for Health when the staff at a facility will be awarded the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter"* – **Joe'Brien TD**
Details Supplied: Highfield Healthcare, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Dear Minister O'Brien,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I am advised by the National General Manager for Services for Older People, that the HSE with the support from an external contactor (Kosi Corporation Ltd), engaged in a process to implement the payment of the Covid-19 Recognition Payment to a particular cohort of workers in non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations.

I am further advised a communication was issued to organisations of potentially eligible employees with guidance on how to access funding for this payment in respect of their employees. These payments were intended to be made from mid-November 2022 to employers who had returned their costed liability regarding their eligible employees which should permit them to pay those employees on or about the end November 2022.

The Office of the National Director for Community Operations have advised me that Highfield Healthcare submitted their claim in November 2022 and this was processed by KOSI Corporation Ltd in December 2022.

If an employer has any queries in relation to the guidelines, completion, or submission of the claim pack which was issued, they can contact Kosi Corporation Ltd at psrp@kasicorp.com or call the company on 01 960 1700.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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