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PQ 32803/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details, by occupation and grade and location of the payments made, to health-care personnel of the one-off Covid-19 recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Patrick O'Donovan

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response. This response is focused on payments to Non HSE staff.

As you are aware the 'Pandemic Special Recognition Payment' (PSRP) results from the Government decision (19th January 2022) to provide specific financial recognition to eligible frontline health care workers based on the particular additional risks they faced in performance of duty during the pandemic.

This PSRP is for employees from non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations who, between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2021, worked in a frontline covid-exposed clinical environment - settings where staff unavoidably had to treat, care for or be in close contact with those who were known to have Covid-19 or Covid symptoms.

This process (and Guidelines) is specific to eligible employees of the following non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations:

- (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.

In order to be eligible, employees must also meet the two qualifying criteria below:

- The employee must have worked for at least 4 weeks between 1st March 2020 and 30th June 2021 – this does not have to be a continuous 4 week period
- This work must have been in a frontline covid-exposed clinical environment, and which warranted the employee's inclusion in Sequence Group 1 or 2 for the Vaccination Programme.

The information requested by the Deputy is not held in the format requested, or available, as payments were not made by way grade, but rather the role. As of 18/07/23, funding to 718 organisations for **73,488** staff has totalled €63.94m.



Non-public sector cohorts: HSE and external contractor KOSI Corporation are rolling out the payment to cohorts 1-4 above.

Cohort	Info packs sent	Funding applications received (18 July 2023)	Organisations processed for payment*
Private Sector/Independent Nursing Homes and Hospices	453	448	447
Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities	101	83	67
Agency roles working in the HSE	159	87	73
Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE	145	132	131
Total	858	750	718

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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