



12th July 2023

Deputy Fergus O'Dowd,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ: 33289/23

To ask the Minister for Health to outline with respect and reference to the TAPS payments which issued to private nursing homes throughout Covid, whether any public nursing homes received such payments under a similar scheme; if so, the name of the scheme; if governance and oversight were measured, similar to that of the audit undertaken on the TAPS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

There was no TAPS scheme for public Nursing Homes.

Costs incurred by HSE public nursing homes relating to Covid 19 are included in HSE overall Covid 19 expenditure. This expenditure forms part of HSE overall expenditure and was included in HSE Annual Financial Statements for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

HSE expenditure is audited as part of annual audit process carried out by Comptroller and Auditor General. The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General is included in the HSE annual report, published on HSE website.

I hope this clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Whelehan
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