



27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Deputy Fergus O'Dowd TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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 Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ 33801/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health to outline the total funding provided by the HSE/his Department to all older persons' support groups/organisations/advocacy services in 2022 and planned for 2023, in tabular form, by name, location, budget and number of staff employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

We understand the query relates to S.38 and S.39 funded organisations. Please find attached in Appendix 1 the list of Section 38 and 39 organisations funded by the HSE Services for Older People in 2022.

The 2022 funding to these providers is noted in Appendix 1 of the HSE Annual Financial Statements available at; <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html> HSE-Annual-Report-and-Financial-Statements-2022.pdf

Several of these organisations provide services to multiple divisions e.g. Older Persons, Disabilities etc. The HSE financial systems do not facilitate extracting out the portion that relates solely to 'Older Persons'.

The yearly budget is allocated to section 38 and 39 organisations by each of the Community Health Organisation at local level. The central financial information systems do not capture this on a real time basis.

The totality of grants paid to outside agencies are collated and verified as part of the process of preparation of the Annual Financial statements and year end audit.

The HSE does not capture the numbers of staff employed for all of these organisations.

The shortcomings in the HSE legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single Standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.



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

Yours sincerely,

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