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**PQ 34840/23** To ask the Minister for Health if employees in an organisation (details supplied) are entitled to the pandemic payment; if this was changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Kathleen Funchion

**Details supplied:** Enable Ireland

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

KOSI has worked closely with a small HSE committee which includes senior representatives from Community Services, National Finance and National HR. This HSE committee along with the Department of Health are implementing the government decision in regard to non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations. The eligible cohorts and cohort criteria were laid down in the Government decision and the HSE nor the Department of Health has no mandate to expand the list of eligible cohorts or eligible cohort criteria.

As per the government decision this process is specific to eligible employees of the following four cohorts of 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, etc
- (2) Eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities
- (3) Agency staff who worked in clinical settings for the HSE or within Cohorts 1, 2 and 4 (e.g. a nurse, doctor, paramedic)
- (4) Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE

KOSI have been in communication with Enable Ireland with regard to their claim and have advised, as per the details provided, which staff are encompassed in the eligible cohorts who may qualify for the PSRP. **Staff who were redeployed to work in HSE sites may be eligible for the PSRP and should be advised to contact their local HSE liaison/contact person to progress the claim for those individuals.**

The Government has expressed sincere gratitude to all healthcare workers for their efforts during what has been a challenging period for our health services. The Department appreciates that those who do not qualify for this particular payment may feel disappointed, and that they too have made a significant contribution to the State's response to the pandemic but it was a difficult decision to set the boundaries here.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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