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Deputy Claire Kerrane Dáil Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

Ref: PQ ref 13217/23

Ballinasloe Social Services, upgrade of Kitchen to all stainless steel as per Environmental health recommendation for Meals on Wheels Service. To ask the Minister for Health the funding options available to an organisation for upgrade works to ensure continuation of a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to PQ ref 13217/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 14th March 2023, due for response on the 3rd April 2023 regarding representation that you have made to the Minister of Health regarding funding options available to Ballinasloe Social Services for upgrade of the kitchen to all stainless steel as per recommendation for Meals on Wheels Service. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I have been advised that Ballinasloe Social Services have applied for the funding through the National Lottery Grant to carry out the upgrade work in the kitchen, the application will adjudicated on the 22^{nd} March 2023 and they will be notified by post of the outcome. To date in 2023 Ballinasloe Social Services have received funding of €180,000 and an additional €9,000 for new windows.

I trust the above clarifies the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Shannon Glynn Head of Service Older People's Services Community Healthcare West