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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare St., Dublin 2

Re: PQ 9120/24 - "To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid to an Out of Hours GP service by his Department under a Service Level Agreement (ShannonDoc Out of Hours Service) in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE has a Service Level Agreement in place with ShannonDoc. Under the terms of the SLA, the HSE provides an agreed level of funding to ShannonDoc for the provision of Out of Hours GP services and ancillary services across the Mid West region (Clare, Limerick & Nth. Tipperary).

The HSE Mid West Finance Dept. has confirmed that the level of funding paid by the HSE to ShannonDoc under the terms of the SLA, is as follows for the years 2016 – 2023 incl.:

| Year | Funding paid by the HSE to ShannonDoc |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| | for GP Out of Hours service |
| 2016 | €4,794,780.00 |
| 2017 | €4,791,759.79 |
| 2018 | €4,684,442.00 |
| 2019 | €4,873,939.42 |
| 2020 | €4,908,007.20 |
| 2021 | €4,930,459.80 |
| 2022 | €5,010,139.26 |
| 2023 | €5, 062,814.03 |

The Finance Dept. have advised that they do not have access to the relevant data/system for the years 2014 and 2015. Therefore, I am not in a position to provide you with this information for these two years.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Costello Head of Service Primary Care