

2nd August, 2024

Mr. Danny Healy-Rae, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 33163/24

“To ask the Minister for Health the funding currently provided to community cancer support centres such as a centre (details supplied) as above; if this will be reviewed to ensure there is core funding rather than relying on fundraising; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.
Details supplied: Recovery Haven Kerry

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) has provided Recovery Haven Kerry with a grant of €100,000 in 2023 and in 2024. This funding has been provided on a once off basis each year. The funding is provided to support the continued delivery of Recovery Havens Psychosocial Support Service.

I have advocated on behalf of this organisation with the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) seeking core funding in order to support the cancer support services on a more sustainable basis given the high quality service they are providing to support cancer patients and their families.

Within CKCH, I will endeavour to support Recovery Haven Kerry and cancer support services in Cork however this will only be possible within the resources available annually as there is no specific budget allocated to CKCH to support these organisations on a recurrent basis. I will continue to advocate on their behalf nationally.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Recovery Haven in Kerry. Members of my team continue to engage with Recovery Haven and support the organisation as much as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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