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Deputy Frankie Feighan
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RE PQ 37768/25

Question

To ask the Minister for Health the levels of expenditure that the HSE sanctions without sign-off from the HSE senior leadership team, with sign-off from the HSE senior leadership team, and following consultation with the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; if these levels of expenditure are consistent across all areas of healthcare expenditure, or if there is specific governance for particular areas of expenditure (e.g. new medicines); and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Frankie Feighan

Response

Dear Deputy Feighan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

While we can provide information in relation to HSE Procurement, we would not be in a position to comment regarding other agencies under the Ministers remit. New medicines come under the remit of the Corporate Pharmacy Unit.

Please see attached information in tabular form, which shows the contract approval threshold by grade within the HSE. This threshold for each grade is in place to ensure governance over expenditure within the HSE. This information is extracted from National Financial Regulation B1, which can be found at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/finance/nfr/nfrb1.pdf>

The National Financial Regulations (NFRs) apply to all staff in all divisions, Community Health Organisations (CHOs) and Hospital Groups (HGs) where services are provided on behalf of the HSE. This includes permanent, temporary and agency staff. Equivalent controls should also be implemented by Section 38 and Section 39 providers where services are being provided on behalf of the HSE or where HSE grant aid funding is being received.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the National Director of Procurement on (01) 635 2251 or via ProcurementND@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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No	Level	Operational Expenditure (Revenue Expenditure)	Procurement Contract Approval
1	Grade 4	Up to €5,000	Up to €5,000
2	Grade 5	Up to €10,000	Up to €10,000
3	Grade 6	Up to €25,000	Up to €25,000
4	Grade 7	Up to €50,000	Up to €50,000
5	Grade 8	Up to €100,000	Up to €100,000
6	General Managers	Up to €250,000	Up to €250,000
7	Head of Service/Functions, CHOs	Up to €500,000	Up to €1,000,000
8	Assistant National Director Assistant Chief Financial Officers Chief Officers CHOs Chief Financial Officer Hospital Groups	Up to €2,500,000	Up to €5,000,000
9	National Directors	Up to €10,000,000	Up to €10,000,000
10	HSE Chief Executive Officer	Greater than €10,000,000	Above €10,000,000