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Deputy David Cullinane Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2.

PQ 31460/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if a framework is in place regarding contractual and pricing agreements on funding programmes under the Access to Care funds; if she will publish any such frameworks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Response:

The Health Service Executive (HSE) utilises national procurement frameworks to ensure efficient and compliant sourcing of services. These frameworks, developed in line with government policy and EU directives, guide the HSE's procurement activities, aiming for transparency, best value, and adherence to regulations.

The OPD Private Provider Framework provides full packages of care for targeted specialties on Outpatient waiting lists. The Surgical Services Tender provides a full package of care for inpatient and day case patients. The Dynamic Purchasing System or DPS framework provides an approved list of companies used by public hospitals under the HSE Dynamic Purchasing System for Provision of Insourcing Services for Clinical Procedures to the HSE. There is also a New Private Provider Framework which will be established in 2025 for adult and paediatric OPD, IPDC and GI Scope patients. It will be available for Health Regions to offer successful providers an opportunity to support access to required capacity at a regional level.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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