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**PQ 34857/25 To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of the major increase in the workload of an organisation (details supplied) arising from the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015, she will provide additional funding to this organisation to enable it to provide staff contracts of greater than one year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**Barry Heneghan**

**Details Supplied: Sage Advocacy.**

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which was referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The HSE currently supports the implementation and operational management of the Assisted Decision Making Act, 2015, through a number of different mechanisms. This includes directly employed staff who are supported by the HSE National Office for Human Rights and Equality Policy as well as the funding provided to SAGE. It should be noted that there are other advocacy agencies, funded externally to the HSE, who also provide supports in this area.

Therefore, to determine how best to allocate resources in supporting people to continue to utilise the provisions contained within the legislation, we are engaging with each Region to establish the operational experience and requirements. This will allow the HSE, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to align available resources in the most effective manner.

In the meantime, we will continue to engage with SAGE Advocacy Services through the established Service Level Agreement processes in determining current and future funding.

I trust this responds to your query. Please let me know if you require any further information,



Yours Sincerely,

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