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**Re: PQ 14919/25**

*To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1490 on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025, her views on Midwest Dóchas having advised that they have not had funding since 2001 and no engagement with Disability Services Mid West.*

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Query which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to confirm the HSE Service Provider Governance System (SPG) shows that a grant aid contract agreement has been in place between the HSE and Hope for People Autism Company (Dóchas) since January 2013 with an annual agreed funding of circa €53,000.

HSE Disability Services Manager has engaged with Dóchas Midwest in line with their Grant Aid Agreement since 2021 in relation to a request of additional funding for the development of their services at Dóchas Midwest Autism Support Parnell Street, Limerick.

In October 2022 Dóchas Midwest submitted a business case to HSE Disability Services for the expansion of activities and services which outlined the funding required for service developments. To date HSE Disability Services has been unable to provide the level of funding required for the development of services due to limited resources.

I can confirm that as part of the Grant Aid Agreement for 2025, Dóchas will receive €53,949. As part of the Grant Aid Agreement there are Annual Review Meetings between Dóchas and the HSE. The most recent meeting was held in November 2024. A suggested date for the next meeting has yet to be confirmed by the provider.

I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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