Thursday 22 May 2025

Deputy Louise O Reilly, TD
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2

PQ Number 23983/25

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

> **To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that due to delays in funding approval for certain service users, an organisation (details supplied) must pay out of pocket to provide meals and that there is no mechanism by which the organisation can back date funding once approval comes through; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Louise O'Reilly**

The HSE provides a wide range of health and social care services to those who need them each year. It delivers many of these services directly. However, it also relies on non-statutory or voluntary organisations to deliver services on its behalf.

Meals on Wheels Voluntary organisations play an essential role in the delivery of community-based services.

The HSE provides funding to voluntary organisations, through Service Arrangements and Grant Aid Agreements which set out the level of funding to be allocated and the services to be provided for that funding.

As these arrangements are local operational matters for the Regional Health Areas, if there is a specific organisation where there is still a Service Arrangement or Grant Aid Agreement outstanding which is financially impacting providers please forward the details to our office and we will look into this matter for this organisation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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National Services for Older People

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