



13th May 2025

Mr Fionntán Ó'Suilleabháin, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 24335/25: To ask the Minister for Health if she will approve the outstanding service level agreement for a meals on wheels group (details supplied); if funding will be provided as agreed in 2024, noting that no funds have been received since September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

[Details supplied:] Meals on Wheels, Gorey/Courtown, The Hatch Lab, Innovation House, M11 Business Campus, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

Dear Deputy Ó'Suilleabháin

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

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. Voluntary organisations play an essential role in the delivery of hospital and community-based services and are an essential component of Ireland's public health and social care system. 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. Reference: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/non-statutory-sector/service-arrangement-and-grant-aid-agreement-review/faq/>

The Grant Aid Agreements for 2024 and 2025 have been issued to Gorey Meals on Wheels most recently on 15th April 2025. Once both agreements are signed by Gorey Meals on Wheels, the HSE can proceed with setting up Gorey Meals on Wheels as a Vendor. This will allow the HSE to provide the 2024 funding in one lump sum and arrange monthly instalments for 2025, running until December 2025.

The HSE has not received any signed Grant Aid agreements to date. A reminder has been sent to Gorey Meals on Wheels to sign the Grant Aid Agreements and return to the HSE to ensure funds can be released.



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

Yours sincerely

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