



5th June 2025

Mr. John Paul O'Shea,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 26160/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the level of overall funding provided by her Department to the HSE South, Cork and Kerry, for distribution to Section 39 agencies from 2020 to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

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

The Health Act 2004 provides that the Health Service Executive (HSE), may, subject to conditions, fund the services provided by non-statutory agencies. Section 38 and 39 arrangements are the mechanisms by which the HSE funds and manages services provided by these non-statutory organizations. Section 38 organisations are funded to provide services on behalf of the HSE. Section 39 organisations are partly funded by the HSE and operate independently but provide essential health and social services that complement the public healthcare system.

The table below sets out the level of funding provided to Section 39 organizations in the HSE South West region for 2020 -2023.

CARE GROUP	2020 AMOUNT PAID €	2021 AMOUNT PAID €	2022 AMOUNT PAID €	2023 AMOUNT PAID €
Disability Services	75,021,786.89	92,161,569.78	95,091,114.01	102,489,326.94
Health and Wellbeing	533,084.82	584,793.69	1,103,617.65	688,743.93
Mental Health Services	2,877,268.44	3,848,162.01	5,070,716.45	7,375,599.59
Older Persons Services	12,154,278.92	15,333,590.58	16,260,348.53	16,677,744.69
Palliative Care / Chronic Illness Services *NOTE	99,100.00	110,100.00	513,004.00	391,175.00
Primary Care Services	10,639,144.28	14,451,689.63	13,507,510.53	9,819,926.08
Social Inclusion Services	12,167,839.94	15,450,190.09	19,034,747.72	20,406,882.43
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>113,492,503.29</b>	<b>141,940,095.78</b>	<b>150,581,058.89</b>	<b>157,849,398.66</b>

NOTE – Marymount has been removed from the amounts paid in recognition of Marymount transferring to a Section 38 agency in 2025.

Yours Sincerely.

Gerard O'Callaghan  
Regional Director of Finance South West