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Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ ref 56507/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if she will advocate for the HSE to provide funding under Section 39 to an organisation (details supplied) to support weekly therapeutic exercise and yoga classes for people living with Parkinson's Disease in Donegal, specifically in Buncrana, Donegal Town, and Letterkenny; if she will ensure that the application is given full and fair consideration by the health and wellbeing team in the HSE, given the critical role these services play in disease management and reducing pressure on acute services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn

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

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Integrated Healthcare Area Donegal.

I can confirm that Parkinson's Ireland successfully applied for funding through the HSE National Lottery Grant Scheme this year to support the delivery of exercise classes in Co. Donegal. A total of €2,400 was applied for and the organisation was awarded the full amount.

In addition, an updated Section 39 application for extra funding for Parkinson's Ireland was recently submitted to the HSE for review. This application has been given fair and due consideration based on the current needs of all services within the area but was unsuccessful this year; however, the HSE would encourage Parkinson's Ireland to make an application for funding again next year.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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