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Deputy John Lahart, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 50389/25

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the funding approved for an organisation (details supplied) given key commitments outlined in Budget 2025 by the Minister for Health; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Details - the Lung Fibrosis Association of Ireland

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Respiratory on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

A funding allocation of €500,000 has been approved under the New Service Development (NSD) 2025-42 Lung Fibrosis initiative, as referenced the HSE National Service Plan (2025)¹ - Appendix 3, Table 2: *2026 Full Year Costs related to NSP 2025*, pp. 88.

Final authorisation pertaining to the release of the NSD 2025-42 Lung Fibrosis initiative of €500,000 (2025) was received on 6 August 2025, in the form of a New Service Development (NSD) Commissioning Letter signed by Mr. Bernard Gloster, CEO, HSE.

The NSD funds will be directed towards assessing the health needs of individuals living with lung fibrosis/Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) at a national and regional level with the ultimate goal to implement a care pathway for patients, which is in line with international best practice.

The ILD Programme of NCP for Respiratory is seeking to commission providers to deliver related services and they are working to develop grant aid documents in compliance with the HSE's governing legislation on such arrangements.

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

Yours sincerely

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General Manager

References:

1. https://about.hse.ie/api/v2/download-file/file_based_publications/hSE-National-Service-Plan-2025.pdf/



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