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* To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the roll out of a national service level agreement across all Section 37 and Section 38 bodies involved in drug treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Chambers,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The HSE operates a Governance Framework for all funding provided to external agencies funded for the provision of health and personal social services, this includes agencies funded for the provision of drug treatment. This Framework set out the respective responsibilities of both the HSE and the funded entities. This Governance Framework includes a requirement for National Standard Governance Documentation Service Arrangements and Grant Aid Agreements to be completed. The policy since 2015 under this Framework is that each funded agency will have a single contractual relationship with the HSE, meaning either one Service Arrangement (for agencies in receipt of more than €250,000) or one Grant Aid Agreement (for agencies in receipt of less than €250,000).

The National Standard Section 39 documentation contains standard clauses and schedules, and these have been further developed to allow for standard elements to be included for treatment and rehabilitation services funded through section 39 drugs initiative funding (on the recommendation of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces), there are 'special conditions' regarding: providing information to the relevant Drug and Alcohol Task Forces, working within the National Drugs Strategy, reporting to the National Drugs Treatment Reporting System, updating service information on the directory of services on www.drugs.ie, engaging in quality standards for addiction services, and working within the key working and care planning system of the National Drugs Rehabilitation Framework. This has been in operation since 2015, and will continue to be implemented in 2017.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

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