



16th February 2021

Deputy Patrick Costello, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

Re PQ: 5045/21

To ask the Minister for Health if community prison links workers can be included in the section 39 pay restoration process.

Dear Deputy Costello,

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 does not fund the community prison links workers referred to by the Deputy.

I understand that the Department of Health provides funding for these workers through the Department of Justice and they are not subject to Section 39 of the Health Act 2004.

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'.

Joseph Doyle
National Planning Specialist