



8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Deputy Cathal Crowe, TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 3110/22**

To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a multi-annual budget to support the ongoing running of section 39 residential addiction support and treatment centres such as Bushypark in Ennis, County Clare to replace the current annual model based on service level agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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 are statutory bound to manage within the annual allocation provided. However there is considerable planning involved within the process with the three-year Corporate Plan 2021-2024 as agreed with the minister for Health and the annual service plan also signed off by Government each year informing the funding allotted to the HSE. .

The HSE's Governance Framework allows for the continued funding of essential services provided by external agencies.

Agencies are managed through the terms of standard Service Arrangements with a recognition that funding will be provided each year where the services continue to be identified as being a prioritised service need.

The annual allocation process provides for the review of performance of the Agencies, and takes into account additional needs for the year ahead, with the funding provided accordingly within the available resources of the HSE and any other funding sources available to the agency and according to the priorities as set out in the National Service Plan.



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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Joseph Doyle  
National Lead, Social Inclusion