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To ask the Minister for Health the number of Section 39 organisations that work within addiction and drug-related services; the number of staff employed in Section 39 organisations in this area; their rates of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive have 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:

Unfortunately, it is not possible to ascertain the potential cost impact of such an initiative without an extensive data gathering exercise across all Section 39 organisations that may be considered for inclusion in such an exercise. Additionally, Section 39 organisations are offered funding in different ways, which may include part-funding and funding towards programmes. Often in these cases, it is at the discretion of the Board of the particular service as to how they choose to use that funding, including regarding the rates of pay for their staff.

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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