

8th June, 2022

Mr Sean Sherlock, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 25696/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that his officials had on funding for a centre in Cork (details supplied).”

Details supplied: The Rainbow Club Cork City.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In July 2021, a number of HSE personnel from the Disability Services visited the Rainbow Club in Mahon, Cork. They were very impressed with the progressive work carried out by the centre, and approval was given to fund the Centre Manager post at Grade V level. The invoice was passed for payment in November 2021 and €55,558 was paid out to the Rainbow Club. A contribution towards once off non-pay costs was also included in that payment.

The HSE requested the Centre to submit a business case with a view to setting up a Grant Agreement going forward. To date none has been forthcoming. However, in March 2022, an invoice was submitted for €55,525 for the full year cost of a Centre Manager for the Rainbow Club. This was approved and passed for payment in April. A further once off contribution of €25k was paid in April to defray costs of administration support to the Centre.

Further communication between the HSE and Karen Dennehy in the Rainbow Club has been ongoing, with a reminder for them to submit a business case and funding application so that the funding can be regularised going forward. The most recent communication with the centre was made on 25th May, 2022. To date, no business case has been received.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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