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Deputy Neasa Hourigan Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline an itemised list of funding allocated to the voluntary and community sector mental health services, both Section 38 and Section 39 organisations, in 2023, in tabular form: and if the will make a statement on the matter. - Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and Grant Aid Agreements (GAA) with Section 38 and Section 39 agencies are negotiated each year by the HSE. All such funding is provided for specific purposes which are agreed annually. The process of negotiating and agreeing SLA's/GAA's with an organisation includes an ongoing and regular assessment of service activity levels against agreed schedules, and developing an understanding of associated costs, be they anticipated, or unanticipated. Other factors considered during this process include research and evidence of need, quality and safety, complaints, insurance, spending, performance monitoring, staffing and change control.

Please see attached Appendix which provides a list of all Section 38 and 39 organisations who received funding for the provision of mental health supports in 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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