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Deputy Kathleen Funchion  
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**PQ 17570/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the reason Caredoc staff in County Carlow have not been listed by the HSE / KOSI for payment of the Section 39 payrises, despite being informed that they are Section 39 employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Funchion,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ 17570/24.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

Caredoc is an independent GP Co-operative and the day to day management of the Caredoc service is the responsibility of the Caredoc executive management team. Caredoc is one of a number of GP co-operatives across the country.

Caredoc have communicated with the HSE over the last number of months regarding the implementation of pay increases for Caredoc staff and the concerns raised by Caredoc have been highlighted with the HSE nationally. GP Co-op's were not comprehended in relation to the recent pay deal agreed in the WRC for Section 39 agencies.

South East Community Healthcare continue to work closely with Caredoc pending clarification being received regarding the status of GP cooperatives nationally.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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