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Mr Dessie Ellis, TD
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PQ 39735/24 – *“To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides any funding to a local service (details supplied) currently or has provided funding at any time in the past; if not, if the HSE be willing to enter into a service level agreement with the service to provide funding towards a manager and to assist in the day-to-day running of this vital local service; and if he will make a statement on the matter”* – **Dessie Ellis TD**

DETAILS SUPPLIED: Finglas Suicide Network

Dear Deputy Ellis,

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.

Integrated Health Area Dublin & North East Primary Care does not currently have a funding arrangement in place with Finglas Suicide Network. HSE CHO Dublin North City & County Social Inclusion & Addiction Services formerly had an agreement in place whereby funding of €15,533 was provided on a yearly basis. In 2018, this agreement was reviewed due to shared governance concerns raised by the HSE and the Board of Management of Finglas Suicide Network. It had been agreed that HSE DNCC Mental Health would take on any future funding arrangements with Finglas Suicide Network, however due to ongoing governance issues a funding arrangement was not agreed.

The Integrated Health Area Dublin & North East Primary Care team are always open to discussions with any organisation providing health related services once adequate governance and oversight is in place to ensure that public funding is being expended as agreed and the service is providing a quality accessible service in line with the principle of value for money.

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

Yours sincerely,

Brian Kirwan
General Manager
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