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To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE currently provides any funding to a local service or if the HSE has provided funding to it at any time in the past; if not, whether the HSE would be willing to enter into a service level agreement with the service to provide funding to assist in the day-to-day running of this vital local service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: It's Good to Talk, Spawell Road, Wexford

Dear Deputy Mythen

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

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

Funding for therapeutic service development comes through the National Office for Suicide Prevention (in line with Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide) and from the HSE National Mental Health Division (in line with Sharing the Vision, Ireland's National Mental Health Policy). IHA Waterford Wexford and IHA Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary have a number of community and voluntary sector groups that work in mental health related areas that include counselling services with ongoing requests for funding and support across both areas.

Unfortunately IHA Waterford Wexford and IHA Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Mental Health Services does not have any funding to support new Grant Aid Agreements. We acknowledge the tremendous fundraising efforts to keep "It's Good 2 Talk" running and wish every continued success.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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