



Circular CVSP 1/2024

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PPN funding arrangements in 2024

For the attention of PPN Members, PPN Secretariats, Resource Workers and Local Authorities

As you will be aware, each PPN received an increase of €10,000 in 2023, bringing their total funding for the year from the Department to €85,700.

Following the publication of the Revised Estimates Volumes (REV), we can confirm that each PPN will again receive **€85,700** in core funding from the Department in **2024**.

Total funding issued by DRCD to each PPN in 2024 will therefore consist of:

- Core funding: €60,000
- Ring-fenced support worker funding: €25,700

This will issue in two tranches as follows:

- Tranche 1 (approx. April): €65,700
- Tranche 2 (October): €20,000

Local Authority funding amounts will be issued as follows:

- Core funding: €30,000 (minimum)
- Support worker funding: €5,000 (minimum)

As set out in the Financial Controls document, we require the submission of the following documents no later than 29th March 2024:

- MOU/SLA (the latter only where necessary; please refer to the [PPN Handbook](#))
- Income & Expenditure 2023 report (template enclosed)
- Work plan and agreed budget for 2024 (including timeframes for plenary meetings)

Any delay in a return of the Income & Expenditure 2023 report and/or relevant documentation listed above will result in a delay to the 1st tranche payment due to be paid in April 2024.

In the Financial Controls document, submission of the Annual Report from each PPN is also listed as a funding requirement. Details on the Annual Report template for the 2023 Annual Report will follow in due course.

Treatment of unspent funding

If a PPN does not spend its funding allocation within the calendar year, the Department can no longer accept carryover requests unless they are accompanied by a well-evidenced business case.

In very exceptional circumstances if a PPN has a strong and specific reason why it was unable to carry out particular items on its work plan during the preceding year, it will be



assessed by the Department on a case by case basis. The Department reserves the right to determine whether this reasoning is sufficient.

Unspent Core Funding from 2023 will be assessed and reconciled accordingly by DRCD, taking any carryover agreements into account.

The ring-fenced Support Worker funding provided by DRCD of €25,700, will again be subject to reconciliation. The reconciliation exercise for this year will be carried out on the unspent funds of a Support Worker that were provided in **2022**.

Any queries in relation to the above may be addressed to ppn@drcd.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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