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Deputy Róisín Shortall TD
Dail Eireann
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PQ 52959/19

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the amount of mental health development funding for 2019 that has been spent to date; the breakdown of this expenditure by activity and cost in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 in time scales as collected, based on the latest available data .

DRAWDOWN OF PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT MONIES IN 2019

Total PFG 2019	Drawdown to date	Monies held by Dept	Total
35m	23.25	11.75	35m

Quarter 1 2019

Case area	Descriptor	Cost 2019 (€m)	Amount Allocated by Q4
Enhanced specialist requirements	High cost placements for patients whose needs cannot currently be met within the existing statutory services and are met in the voluntary and private sectors in Ireland or areas of specialist expertise in the UK e.g. severe eating disorders and children for whom the High Court determines their placement.	7.0m	7.0m
Rent and Rates	Rent and Rates costs have increased over the last number of years mainly due to new funded community teams etc, however	1.5m	1.5m



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	corresponding accommodation arrangements have never been funded. Mental Health secured €1.5m of funding in PFG 2019 however there is still an unfunded deficit remaining		
Nursing Training	<u>Nursing Undergraduate pay & university fees:</u> As part of the 2016 WRC agreement it was agreed that Mental Health would fund 130 new undergraduate places and 40 Postgraduate places.	1.5m	1.5m

Quarter 4 2019

€3m of Programme for Government 2019 was assigned to the implementation of the Community Mental Health Fund.

2019 Development	Descriptor	Cost 2019 (€m)	Amount Allocated by Q4
Community Mental Health Fund- Ministerial Initiative	Funding programme to work with sports, community and voluntary groups to develop resilience and reduce demand for mental health services- mental health promotion and early intervention	3m	3m

- €10.25m in developments approved by Dept of Health in **11/19** and will be drawn down in Q4.
- Of the 35m, €11.75m still held by DoH.
- Monies held by DoH, to be included in 2020 drawdown of MH and will be implemented according to business cases submitted in 2019.

2019 Development	Descriptor	Cost 2019 (€m)	Amount Allocated by Q4
Digital Mental Health Supports	24 Helpline and Crisis Text Line operational. Extension to online counselling service	1.0	1.0
Youth Mental Health	Expansion of Jigsaw services Bray and Tipperary	0.6	0.6



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Forensic Service Development	This will be used to meet portion of transition costs arising in 2019	4.7	4.7
Counselling in Primary Care	Enhancement of counselling service at primary care level for clients experiencing mild to moderate psychological problems	0.5	0.317
Adult Inpatient Unit (CHO 5)	Contracting of acute beds for Adult Service in the CHO 5 area, to ensure service is provided to patient's in accordance with legislative and regulatory requirements and best practice standards	1.3	1.3
Mental Health Engagement	Developing the function within the Mental Health Engagement and Recovery structures to ensure the development of recovery oriented services in a quality, standardised and evidenced base way.	0.05	0.05
Mental Health/Social Inclusion	Collaborative project developments across key priority groups identified including Addiction services, Refugee and	1.3	1.3
Specialist Care Placements Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	Inpatient CAMHS are specialist services based in Dublin, Cork and Galway which offer intense support and treatment to young people and their families. Inpatient units work with young people who are struggling with their mental health, they may have become isolated or are finding it hard to cope with everyday life.	0.7	0.7
Total		10.25	9.967

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sinead Reynolds
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