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Deputy Pat Buckley TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 4949 19 To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all projects funded under the service reform fund that address the mental health needs for persons experiencing homelessness; the individual levels of funding provided; the portion of funding this makes up; and if a description, goal and the timeframe for the completion of each project will be provided in tabular form. -Pat Buckley**

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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.

The national rollout of Housing First is being delivered by means of an integrated approach by the Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government; Local Authorities; the Department of Health; and the HSE. The HSE is working in partnership with Mental Health Services and Social Inclusion in this initiative. This is in line with the 'Housing First National Implementation Plan 2018-2021' and 'Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness' (Department of Housing, 2016). Under the Service Reform Fund, Housing First is currently being rolled out in the Galway, Cork, Limerick and the Southeast regions

In addition, a homeless hospital discharge programme of work to support safe and effective homeless hospital discharges with appropriate follow-up care and accommodation was developed. As part of this process, funding was approved for the enhancement of the Inclusion Health Network approach (lead by Inclusion health teams in St James' and the Mater hospital).

For the Deputy's information please find below tables outlining the timelines and amount of funding awarded to the Housing First Initiatives and the Hospital Discharge programme of work. The total funding awarded in the CHOs includes all the health supports and the LA providing the accommodation supports.



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	Applicant	Timeline	Funding awarded	Total
<b>Housing First</b>	Galway CHO	3 years	€ 553,600	€ 918,600
	Galway LA		€ 365,000	
	Limerick CHO	3 years	€ 420,000	€ 960,000
	Limerick LA		€ 540,000	
	Cork CHO	3 years	€ 500,000	€ 1,100,000
	Cork LA		€ 600,000	
	Waterford CHO	2 years	€ 200,000	€ 450,000
	Waterford LA		€ 250,000	

The total funding awarded in the Hospital Discharge programme of work includes all the health supports and accommodation supports.

Applicant	Timeline	Funding awarded
<b>Hospital Discharge</b>	2 years	€ 736,408

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds  
General Manager Mental Health Services