



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD
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Leinster House
Dublin 2

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PQ 20738/19 * *To ask the Minister for Health the average cost to the health service of a patient requiring isolation in a hospital.*

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

The Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) have advised that the average cost per in-patient stay per night in 2017 (latest figure available) across acute hospitals was €878. This is an average cost, across all nights, all hospitals, and all types of in-patient cases; from the most routine to the most complex.

The figure is a 'fully-absorbed' cost which means it includes treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as "hotel" costs, but excludes capital and depreciation. It excludes day case, outpatient and emergency department costs.

The HPO have further advised that they do not have a separate costing for patients requiring isolation in a hospital, and I regret that the specific information you sought is unavailable.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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