



11th March 2019

Deputy Gerry Adams TD
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PQ ref 10770/19 To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the annual spend by the HSE for targeted measures to improve the health of the Traveller community is allocated in tabular form; and the portion of the funding allocated annually specifically to deliver on suicide prevention services and supports.

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. The following table outlines the 2018 allocation to Traveller Health:

Type	Allocation
Traveller Health Units (THU's)	€1.4m
Peer-led Primary Healthcare Projects	€7.8m
Dormant accounts Mental Health Initiative (once off funding 2018/2019)	€500,000
National Traveller Suicide Awareness Project	€350,000
Total	€10,050,000
9 x Traveller Mental Health Co-ordinators	From core budgets
Traveller health specific posts such as Speech and Language Therapists, clerical staff etc.	From core budgets

Funding allocated annually specifically to deliver on mental health initiatives – with a focus on suicide prevention services and supports:

1. Exchange House is funded €350,000 to run the National Traveller Suicide Awareness Project which is a Traveller specific mental health and suicide prevention service.
2. €500,000 Dormant Accounts funding has been secured for 7 mental health initiatives geographically spread across the country.
3. 9 Traveller Mental Health Coordinators - one for each CHO - have been approved; 7 positions have been filled to date.
4. Additionally some of the funding allocated to the Traveller Health Units and Primary Health Care Projects is directed towards Mental Health workers and associated initiatives.

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

Yours sincerely,



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