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Deputy Gerry Adams
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

RE PQ 21077/19: To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to the National Counselling Service in County Louth in each year over the past five years.

Dear Deputy Adams,

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 outline the position as follows.

The HSE National Counselling Service (NCS) in Co. Louth is responsible for providing counselling to adults who have experienced childhood abuse through its Rian Counselling Service as well as Counselling in Primary Care (CIPC) to adults with a current GMS card.

There is a single budget allocation for Rian Counselling which services Counties Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan. The funding allocated to Rian Counselling for the last 5 years [this is the total service budget which includes Meath Louth, Cavan and Monaghan] is provided in the table below. No additional funding for this service has been received since the service was established in 2000.

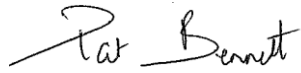
The HSE NCS Counselling in Primary Care Service in Co Louth is part of the CHO 8 Louth Meath CIPC service. There is no separate budget for Louth. Costs are managed for the service as a whole. Details of funding to CIPC Louth Meath are outlined in the table below. A figure is not available for 2014 as the budget allocation at that time included Dublin City and County as the service was part of the Dublin North East region at that time.

Table 1: Funding to National Counselling Service CHO 8 Louth Meath

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Rian [Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan]	692,416	682,289	680,203	680,203	667,536
CIPC [Louth Meath]	n/a	793,089	853,810	843,794	800,497

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'P' and 'B'.

Pat Bennett

Chief Officer

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation