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

**RE PQ 21082/19: To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated in County Louth each year for the past five years for the implementation of Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020.**

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.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019(projected to year end)
Suicide Resource Officer Louth Meath (includes ER PRSI)	€63,000	€63,500	€63,500	€63,500	€63,500
Training		€15,000 (34 workshops attended by 449 participants)	€17,000 (48 workshops attended by 670 participants)	€20,000 (54 workshops 828 attended by participants)	€22,000
Development of Connecting for Life Suicide Prevention Strategy				€10,000 (Launched October 2018)	
Equipment		€3,750			€1,500
Information & Awareness campaign Materials (Green Ribbon, World Suicide Prevention Day & Mental Health Week)				€2,000 (Printing of Please Talk posters and Help and Support information wallet cards)	€2,000

Funding to PIETA house to provide; Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer for Louth & Meath.					€35,268 (Approx) (Post advertised in March, interviews took place in May. Candidate selected, awaiting Garda Vetting)
<b>Total</b>	<b>€63,000</b>	<b>€82,250</b>	<b>€80,500</b>	<b>€95,500</b>	<b>€124,268</b>

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,



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 Chief Officer  
 Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation