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Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 44619 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the cost per bed night for each hospital including critical care and ward beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Stephen Donnelly*

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed across acute hospitals can be calculated from our annual pricing cycle. This is €878 and represents the in-patient cost of a hospital including:

- Clinical staffing
- Theatres
- Laboratories
- Non-clinical staffing
- Cleaning, maintenance and other running costs

The cost includes critical care and ward beds but they are not separately identifiable.

The €878 is a 'fully-absorbed' cost which means it includes treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as running costs such as heating and lighting, servicing equipment etc. but excludes capital and depreciation. It does not include other associated hospital costs such as day case, outpatient and emergency department costs. The cost is calculated from costings submitted by hospitals under the Activity Based Funding programme and is based on 2017, the latest year for which information is available. This cost is a national average across all nights, all hospitals and all types of inpatient cases from the most routine to the most complex. It is not possible to provide a breakdown by Hospital.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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