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Deputy Pat Buckley,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.**

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To ask the Minister for Health the amount expended by the HSE on talk therapies in 2019 and to date in 2020, respectively; and the specifications of the type of talk therapy provided.

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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 the following outlines the position.

The HSE current financial systems do not enable the extraction of the complete information set in the manner requested.

The HSE provides a wide range of talking therapies across the health service and often within teams that are not solely focused on the provision of talking therapies such as general adult community mental health teams. In addition to therapies offered through specialist mental health services, the HSE also provides interventions at primary care level, including Primary Care Psychology services, Counseling in Primary Care (CIPC) and the National Counseling Service.

Complementing services provided by directly employed staff, the HSE funds a number of partner organisations to deliver talking therapies.

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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