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**Deputy Claire Kerrane,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.**

PQ number 10133/20:

To ask the Minister for Health if using the unspent money in the mental health budget to assist and support an organisation to ensure its services can continue will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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.

Mental Health has received an additional €265m of Programme for Government funding in the period 2012-2019, the majority of this funding (€214.4m or 81%) has been spent as agreed on the enhanced services and additional posts as agreed with the Department of Health. The remaining current unspent development funding (€50.6m or 19%) is ring-fenced for usage within Mental Health services and is currently being utilised within Mental Health Services to off set against existing level of service deficits. This means that there is no unspent money in the mental health budget currently.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services