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Deputy Pat Buckley,  
Dail Eireann  
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mental health budget for 2020; the monthly breakdown of allocation and spending of funds; if funds have been added to planned spending either as front loading or as new funds for the period of the Covid-19 crisis; and the planned expenditure for the remainder of 2020 - Pat Buckley.

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 status of Mental Health budget for 2020;** The 2020 Mental Health budget is currently €1,024m. Currently there is PFG 2020 funds of €12.6m being held by the Department of health which are expected to be drawn down in the coming months. It should be noted that the YTD May €3.036m deficit outlined below includes Covid related expenditure of €6.8m which is expected to be funded.

Table 1 - 2020 YTD results - split by Pay/Non Pay & Income <b>including Covid costs</b>				
P/NP/Inc	Pay Split	YTD Actual €'000	YTD Budget €'000	YTD Variance €'000
Pay	Agency	28,442	21,685	6,757
	Overtime	12,052	11,282	770
	Payroll	301,337	306,192	(4,855)
<b>Pay Total</b>		<b>341,831</b>	<b>339,160</b>	<b>2,671</b>
<b>Non pay Total</b>		<b>100,285</b>	<b>100,548</b>	<b>(263)</b>
<b>Income Total</b>		<b>(7,792)</b>	<b>(8,419)</b>	<b>627</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>434,324</b>	<b>431,288</b>	<b>3,036</b>



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***Monthly breakdown of allocation and spending of funds & Planned expenditure for the remainder of 2020***

Mental Health are currently working on year-end financial projections, based on preliminary results it is projected that Mental Health will return a breakeven financial position at year end. This is based upon the assumption that Covid expenditure will be funded.

Mental Health have engaged with CHOs in relation to year-end projected spend amounts however this information is not available on a monthly profiled basis.

**If funds have been added to planned spending either as front loading or as new funds for the period of the Covid-19 crisis;**

While there has been €6.8m of Covid related expenditure incurred May YTD in Mental Health services, there has been no funding received to date in relation to this. The HSE are currently working on business continuity plans in order to facilitate the delivery of mental health services in a Covid environment – it is anticipated that there will be additional funding associated with these costs however this funding has not yet been received.

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