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Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 4747/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting a minimum 2,000 additional full-time mental health staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Carroll MacNeill

Dear Deputy **MacNeill**,

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 based the latest data available:

In line with approach to costing used in Vision for Change the average Clinical salary cost in 2020 is approximately just over €80k (including employers PRSI @ 10.85% and a non-pay cost of 10%) Taking an average salary across the main staff headings of Medical, Nursing, Support Staff, Allied Health Professionals and Administration this would lead to an additional full year estimated cost of €160 m.

It should also be noted that this monetary amount does not include any additional accommodation and other costs which would cost approximately 25% more. Vision for Change is being reviewed at present which may change these estimates.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sinead Reynolds
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