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Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill

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Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 4750/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of establishing a crisis house in each HSE catchment area; 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:

The cost of providing a minimum of 1 mental health crisis house in ever CHO area is estimated to be approx. €9m. Working on the basis of 10 beds, it would cost approx. €1m to establish such a Crisis House excluding the Capital cost required for the Service. It would be difficult to estimate at this point any required capital costs as this would be dependent on condition of current capital stock and the extent of any required construction or renovation works which may be minor or more extensive, dependent on the site selected. Of note, there is currently no model of care for crisis houses in Ireland and this would need to be developed.

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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