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9<sup>th</sup> December 2020,  
Deputy Denis Naughten  
Dail Eireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ Number: 38981/20**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the annual expenditure on mental health in 2020 to date; the projected outturn for 2020; the actual estimate approved at the start of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Naughten

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 October 2020 Year to Date expenditure in Mental Health services amounts to €870.1m. The projected outturn at year end amounts to €1,059.6m. It should be noted that included in the year end projected outturn is Covid expenditure of €22m which was not included in the estimated expenditure at the start of the year. The original 2020 projected expenditure amounted to €1,042.6m which did not include any estimate for Covid related expenditure.

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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