

Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte

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11th December 2020, Deputy Denis Naughten Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a summary of the annual mental health budget in each of the years 2015 to 2019 for children up to 18 years of age; 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.

Currently Mental Health is not in a position to report on expenditure or budget by service category. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (ie Nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation.

The Future Health Report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway and the IFMS project is currently in the detailed design phase. When the IFMS system is fully implemented, Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure and budget by service category however we are currently not in a position to do so.

Please note that the Mental Health budget per the table below is the budget held by the Mental Health care group. There is also budget held in other areas of the HSE which is attributable to Mental Health service users, such as Mental Health drugs and medicines where the budget is held through PCRS.

Mental Health Funding 2012 to 2020 as a % of overall HSE Budget											
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
	€m										
Mental Health Budget per published National Service Plan	707.0	733.0	765.8	791.6	826.6	853.1	917.8	987.4	1,031.3		



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HSE overall Budget per published National Service Plan	12,616.4	12,643.0	12,212.9	12,812.0	13,513.8	13,948.5	15,221.6	16,050.0	17,055.6

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

Yours Sincerely

Dr Sinead Reynolds

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