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**17th September 2020,
Deputy David Cullinane,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

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To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing 24/7 mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

In 2017, the Mental Health Division included within its Operational Plan, the development of a model for the provision of enhanced 7 day services in all sector areas in Ireland. Approximately 60% of the country was already providing weekend services prior to the implementation of 7/7 project. Since that time, considerable work has been done to assign resources to those remaining areas which were without weekend services to ensure that all known service users have access to a 7 day Community Mental Health Service. €4.6m was allocated to enable roll out, and this was made up of pay costs for additional staff and non- pay costs towards infrastructure, security, travel costs, etc.

The HSE have not completed a costing model in respect of the 24/7 service.

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