



22nd September, 2020

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ: 21402/20

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of an additional medical detoxification bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 21403/20

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of an additional rehabilitation bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your 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 two medical detoxification facilities are St Michael's Ward Beaumont and Cuan Dara Cherry Orchard Hospital. In terms of community rehabilitation beds, HSE funding is provided to residential services in several ways: on a 'per bed allocation', on a 'per treatment basis' or on a 'staffing cost basis'.

Available information from a 2017 unit cost analysis calculates treatment episodes and duration in the region of:

- Inpatient Medical Detoxification Unit: €13,000. The duration of treatment ranging from 28 to 56 days.
- Short stay residential rehabilitation: €6,900. The duration of treatment ranging from 28 to 42 days.

This does not take into account reduced current capacity due to COVID-19 protocols and guidelines.

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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