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17th September 2020,
Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.

PQ Number 21554/20

To ask the Minister for Health the total mental health budget between 2007 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 table below details the mental health budget for each of the years 2012 – 2020 on mental health services. The budget figure for each year includes the PfG funding provided in that year but is shown on a line separately for information. It should be noted that mental health was only established as a separate division within the HSE in 2012 hence there is only detailed budget information available from that date onwards.

Net Mental Health Funding 2012 to 2020									
Heading	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
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
PfG funding	35.0	35.0	20.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	13.0

The above Programme for Government funding was provided, in addition to the existing base budget each year, to develop more modern mental health services which are recovery focused and community based. Published HSE National Service Plans and Mental Health Operational Plans provide substantial detail on how this resource has been allocated, however, in summary:-

Year on Year Investments: 2012 and 2013

The investments in 2012 and 2013 prioritised the addition of health and social care professionals for General Adult and CAMHs (Child and Adolescent) community mental health teams supporting the provision of multidisciplinary mental health care. This is in keeping with the international move towards community based mental health service delivery. It also provided investment for suicide prevention initiatives, including Suicide



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Resource Officers, SCAN nurses in general practice, funding of agencies providing support services etc. and the establishment of the Counselling in Primary Care service.

Year on Year Investments: 2014

The 2014 investment extended the focus of investment to address gaps in services for certain populations including additional Psychiatry of Old Age Community Mental Health Teams, services for those with a mental illness and intellectual disability, mental health services for the homeless, national forensics, liaison psychiatry, the physical health of mental health users as well as continuing investment in General Adult and CAMHS Mental Health Services. This was also the first year that the Mental Health Division began to invest in capacity to deliver on other enabling recommendations of Vision for Change, such as Service User/Mental Health Engagement (MHE), Quality & Service User Safety (QSUS), Clinical Programmes and programmatic service improvement.

Year on Year Investments: 2015

The funding of €35m in 2015 provided for continued investment in community mental health teams of €15m including over 40 MHID posts, as well as the beginning of a specialist CAMHS Eating Disorder Service and both Adult & CAMHS Forensic service of €3m. It embedded the role of service user in the mental health services, invested in clinical programmes for Early Intervention Psychosis, Self Harm & Eating Disorders. This 2015 funding also supported the implementation of the suicide reduction policy Connecting for Life, extended Jigsaw services by a further €3m and funded the opening of the new acute beds in Cork at €1.8m and the anti-stigma Green Ribbon campaign.

Year on Year Investments: 2016

The funding of €35m in 2016, in addition to the consolidation and on-going development of services arising from previous investment in teams and acute/continuing care in-patient provision including opening of the Drogheda Unit, Station C in Galway & Deerlodge in Killarney as well as increased capacity for CHO 6 & in SJOG and Portlaoise respectively(€5m). Funding was provided that year of €3m to begin to develop responses to those with severe mental illness and challenging behaviour. 2016 funding is also providing for continued significant enhancement of primary care based counselling services (€5m) and prevention and early intervention services (e.g. Jigsaw of €5m) as well as further specialist teams for Eating Disorders of €1.5m and those who are homeless with mental health issues. It also significantly advanced investment in structures and services to deliver the planned improved service user engagement and delivery of clinical programmes in mental health. Recognising the challenges in staffing mental health services, mental health invested in increased post graduate nurses in mental health of €0.5m and additional clinical psychology training places of €0.2m. It also provided for the introduction of Peer Support Workers in mental health at €1.0m.

Year on Year Investments: 2017

The funding of €35m in 2017 PFG has continued the multi annual plan for the enhancement of existing models of service such as community adult, child and older age teams, further development of newer models of care and teams such as MHID, Perinatal etc., as well as stabilising the overall provision of services through



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investment in capacity building of staffing and improved and safer service infrastructure. This includes the following specific allocations:-

- Mental Health nursing capacity and retention of €5.8m through increased under graduate, post graduate and ANP capacity.
- Provision of a recurring fund to continue to invest in the safety and compliance of mental health service infrastructure of €3m.
- Considerable provision for out of hours service responses through enhancement of 7/7 services of €4.5m and 45 new posts.
- Further investment in community teams of €5m and 48 posts across all CHOs.
- Further investment in-patient services of €4.5m including Linn Dara and Deerlodge and provision for opening of new unit in Galway.
- Investment in new Clinical programmes of €1m responding to Adult ADHD.
- Enhancement of services for those who are homeless with mental illness of €1m,
- Improved responses to the physical health needs of those with mental illness of €1m,
- Funding to support delivery of the recommendations from the youth mental health task force report of €1m.
- Investment in Psychological/Talking Therapies of €1m through enhanced BFT and CIPC.
- Implementation of the agreed new Perinatal MH model of care through funding of further 15 posts at a cost of €1m.
- Funding of €1m to support reimbursement of involvement of mental health service users in design and delivery of services.
- Investment of over €1m in development of Forensic Community In-Reach teams.

Year on Year Investments: 2018

The recurring 2018 PFG funding of €35m with maximum expenditure in 2018 of €15m was allocated in a way that continued to build on the agreed models of care and service stabilisation priorities that had been the feature in the PFG investment programme since 2015. Further funding was agreed aligned to the headings as outlined in the above previous years providing for a further 177 posts including the following:-

- Further investment in community teams of €10.5m and over 130 posts across all CHOs including CAMHs, general adult, POA, MHID and Rehabilitation.
- Enhancement of a recurring fund to continue to invest in the safety and compliance of mental health service infrastructure of €3m.
- Mental Health nursing capacity and retention of €2.4m
- Further investment of €2.5m in enhanced responses to those with severe mental illness and challenging behaviour building on 2016 investment.
- Further development of perinatal mental health services of €2m building on 2016 investment and recently launched new model of care.
- Enhanced development of Eating Disorder services of €1.5m building on 2016 investment and recently launched new model of care.
- Funding for more expensive and more effective drug therapies of €1m.



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- Further provision for out of hours service responses through enhancement of 7/7 services of €1m
- Funding to support delivery of the recommendations from the youth mental health task force report of €1m
- Investment in Psychological/Talking Therapies of €1m
- Funding of €1m to develop recovery pathways for specific Forensic patients.
- The start of the required additional investment for the opening of the new National Forensic Service through allocation of €1m.
- Support NOSP through investment of €1m to meet training and research needs, coronial data management and development of outcome indicators etc
- Enhancement of services for those who are homeless with mental illness of €0.5m,
- Investment in Self Harm Clinical programmes of €0.5m through appointment of further self-harm nurses in both adult and paediatric hospitals.

Year on Year Investments: 2019

Mental health services were allocated 35 million PFG funding in 2019. Of this 7 million has been allocated to support placements for people with complex mental health difficulties where their needs cannot be met by existing HSE CAMHS, General Adult or Psychiatry of Later Life services. 1.5 million has been allocated to rent and leasing costs in the CHOs and 1.5 million has gone to undergraduate nursing training . In addition to this the DoH have funded 3 million for community mental health projects on a once off basis in 2019. The balance of funding is assigned in part to fund the following initiatives:

- Acute Inpatient Unit CHO5 (1.3million)
- Counselling in Primary Care (0.5million)
- Talk Therapies Model of Care for Community Mental Health Teams (1 million)
- Mental Health Peer Support Service- Integration of Peer Support Workers onto Multi-Disciplinary Teams(0.7 million)
- Mental Health Engagement and Recovery- Research and Evaluation function development (0.1 million)
- Clinical Programme: Early Intervention in Psychosis (0.4 million)
- Clinical Programme: Adult ADHD (0.3 million)
- Progress development and implementation of Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services (0.6 million)
- National Clinical Programme for the Assessment and Management of Patients presenting to the Emergency Department following self-harm (0.6 million)
- National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (1.6 million)
- Mental Health of Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) for Adults and Children (0.7 million)
- Mental Health/Social Inclusion Integrative Project Development (2.3 million)

2020

Mental Health were allocated €13m from PfG 2020. This full €13m allocation relates to the opening of the new Forensics Hospital in Portrane of which €5m will be required in 2020 with the full amount required in 2021 when the facility is opened.



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

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

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