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8th October 2020,
Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number 26507/20

To ask the Minister for Health the mental health budget between 2007 and 2012, 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 2012. The budget figure for 2012 includes the PfG funding received in 2012 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.

Heading	2012 €m
Budget per published National Service Plan	707.0
PFG funding	35.0

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:-

The investments in 2012 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 Resource Officers, SCAN nurses in general practice, funding of agencies providing support services etc, and the establishment of the Counselling in Primary Care service.

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



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Yours Sincerely

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

Dr Sinead Reynolds
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