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Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 19440/21

To ask the Minister for Health the funds that has been allocated for SafeTALK programmes in counties Longford and Westmeath. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

The below table sets out the number of SafeTALK programmes that were delivered across counties Longford and Westmeath in the time period 2018-2021. It quantifies the total number of people who participated in the SafeTALK programme in each year and includes the total cost of SafeTALK training for each year. The total cost incorporates the total trainer fees and the total venue costs associated with the delivery of SafeTALK for each year.

Year	Number Delivered	Total Participants	Total Cost (€)*
2018	32	500	€8,176
2019	37	509	€5,387
2020 *	7	97	€1848
2021*	0	0	0

*Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, from March 2020 delivery of all face to face suicide prevention programmes including SafeTALK and ASIST were paused and have not, as yet, resumed pending the easing of current level 5 restrictions and progress on the Government roll-out of Covid vaccine to facilitate face to face programmes.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written over a horizontal line.

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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