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May 6th 2021,
Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 20007/21

PQ To ask the Minister for Health the cost of operating a bed in an acute mental health ward. -
Question: Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire

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.

Mental Health Services are not in a position to report on expenditure by service category. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (i.e. Nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation.

The Future Health Report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway and the IFMS project is currently in the detailed design phase.

When the IFMS system is fully implemented, Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure by service category however we are currently not in a position to do so.

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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