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**Question:** To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost to provide a sexual healthcare service in all higher education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Deputy Farrell,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

The HSE does not hold this information. There is no centralised HSE funding for student health services within higher education institutes in Ireland, including for sexual health services. Each third level institution funds its own health service and within that, sexual health services are usually provided to patients either free or at a subsidised cost, depending on the service.

Some information on sexual health services that are provided within student healthcare settings is available in a mapping report published by the Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) in 2018, [Sexual Health Services in Ireland: A Survey of STI and Contraception Services](#).

Further information on this area should be available from the Department of Further and Higher Education.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maeve O'Brien".

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