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**Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 8312/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the status and details of the maternity budget specifically perinatal mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Carroll MacNeill

Dear Deputy MacNeill,

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 development of the Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Service was made possible due to the following funding streams:

From Community Operations – Mental Health Services

2017 – €1m budget received for clinical staff recruitment.

2018 – €2m received allocated to establish the Hub site and invest in MDT teams

2019 – €0.6m will fund 6x Senior OT posts, one for each of the Hub sites and one Senior Psychologist for CUMH.

The National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWHIP) provided the funding for mental health midwives in each of the Spoke sites (13 in total, with 12 in post) and 4 mental health midwives in Hub sites. A second mental health midwife is required for larger hub sites and it is hoped that funding will be made available for these posts at a future date.

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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