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Leinster House,
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PQ 8623/21 * To ask the Minister for Health the amount of capital funding that has been allocated to the National Forensic Mental Health Hospital in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pat Buckley

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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.

The National Forensic Mental Health Service (NFMHS) Portrane is a new facility which meets contemporary building and clinical healthcare standards, located 22km from Dublin City in Portrane, North County Dublin.

The new facility will provide care for up to 170 patients and will continue to provide community and prison in-reach services. The NFMHS Portrane will also have a Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (FCAMHS) Unit and Intensive Care Rehabilitation Unit (ICRU).

The approved annual capital expenditure in 2019 and 2020 and the approved capital allocation for the year 2021, for the National Forensic Mental Health Hospital, as shown in Table 1 below, is to fund capital costs for the project for the years in question i.e. construction costs, design team fees, equipment costs and other costs associated with the project.

Table 1: Capital Funding Expended/Allocated to the National Forensic Mental Health Hospital

Year	Amount €
2019	€56.80M
2020	€26.38M
2021	€15.80M

An additional €2.15M was expended in 2020 to make the facility available in the national interest, to provide temporary emergency occupation for Covid 19.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
National Director, Estates