



27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Deputy Cian O'Callaghan, TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 1078/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his Department on the health element of Housing First initiatives in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your 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 below table identifies the 2018, 2019 and 2020 health allocation provided directly by the HSE and under the Service Reform Fund.

|       | 2018      | 2019      | 2020        |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Total | € 566,602 | € 361,000 | € 1,192,203 |

Prior to the Service Reform Fund (SRF) Initiative, Housing First only existing across the Dublin region (CHO 6, Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire and Dublin South-East; CHO 7, Kildare, West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City and Dublin South-West; CHO 9, Dublin North, Dublin North Central and Dublin North-West). In 2018 Housing First was expanded under the SRF to include Galway (CHO2), Limerick (CHO3) and Cork (CHO4) and in 2019 the programme was expanded to include the South-East region (CHO5, South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford). In line with the National Housing First Implementation Plan (2018-2021) the HSE also supported the expansion of housing first to cover the remaining CHO areas. In 2021, there are plans to further expand Housing First into regional counties and enhance wrap-around health supports for Dublin Housing First tenancies that are not currently covered in the implementation plan.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

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Joseph Doyle  
National Planning Specialist