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Deputy Bernard J. Durkan
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 3526/21

To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the improvement of mental health facilities and supports in respect of both adults and children; if the provision of the necessary number of residential places are in hand; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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 has obtained a recurring fund to continue to invest in the safety and compliance of mental health service infrastructure of €6m, this fund has been obtained from Programme for Government funding. The allocation of this minor works funding has supported unavoidable costs relating to compliance and safety which includes works arising from Mental Health commission reports. Mental Health have also secured an additional once off fund in 2021 amounting to €7m in order to reconfigure Mental Health services to meet Mental Health Commission recommendations, bringing the total fund available toward minor works in 2021 to €13m.

There is also an additional mental health capital spend allocated for 2021 of €15m.

In line with Sharing the vision, 2020, A Mental Health Policy for Everyone, there is a recommendation that there is "An Expert Group set up to examine Acute Inpatient (Approved Centre) bed provision (including PICUs) and to make recommendations on capacity reflective of emerging models of care, existing bed resources, and future demographic changes, with such recommendations being aligned with Sláintecare". This review is planned for quarter three 2021.

The HSE is committed to implementing corrective actions to respond to failings identified by the Mental Health Commission, as they pertain to the approved centre inpatient facilities.

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



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

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