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25th March 2021 Deputy Mark Ward Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the cost per person and overall cost of delivering mental health first aid training since its inception per year and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 cost to deliver Mental Health First Aid training is €900.00 per person.

HSE Mental Health provides Mental Health First Aid funding to the cost of €247,200 yearly. An additional €150,300 funding was provided in 2021 to deliver additional training programs.

The following provides a yearly total of Mental Health First Aid funding. The overall funding of Mental Health First Aid is €1,368,825

	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Mental Health	248,800	247,200	247,200	397,500	1,140,700
Social Care	75,972	75,972	76,180	0	228,125
Total	324,772	323,172	323,380	397,500	1,368,825

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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Thomas O'Brien General Manager Mental Health Services

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