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Dáil Éireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the way the €1.4 million new funding for crisis resolution services will be spent in 2022 - Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O' Rourke,

HSE Mental Health Planning has been requested to respond to you with regard to your Parliamentary Question above.

Under the HSE Corporate Plan 2020-2023, the National Service Plan 2021, and in line with Recommendations 24 and 40 of Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone, HSE Mental Health propose to resource home-based crisis resolution teams in tandem with 'crisis cafes' to offer an alternative response to inpatient admission, when appropriate.

Crisis Resolution (CR) offers after-hours and urgent mental health assistance. Crisis Resolution is intended to be an integral part of each community mental health team into the future, through provision of 'crisis cafes' and crisis resolution teams, thereby providing advice and assessment for people presenting in crisis associated with a known or suspected mental health problem. Support from these teams is time-limited, providing intensive intervention and support with sufficient flexibility to respond to different service user or carer needs.

Out-of-hours 'crisis cafés' are proposed as a new referral option, to support individuals to deal with an immediate crisis and to plan safely, drawing on their strengths, resilience and coping mechanisms to manage their mental health and wellbeing. The 'cafés' may reduce demands on EDs by providing an environment more suited to the needs of some individuals who present.

In 2022, it is proposed to develop 3 additional Crisis Resolution Services pilot sites. It is anticipated recruitment for sites will take approximately six months, therefore the budget allocation outlined of €1.4m represents costs for six months implementation, with full year costs amounting to €2.85m.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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