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**PQ Number: 55760/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the total operational costs associated with the HSE's Self-Harm Intervention Programme in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 including the cost per treatment session - Catherine Murphy**

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Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

In 2014, the National Clinical Programme for the Assessment and Management of Patients who present to the Emergency Department (NCPSE) was introduced in a number of emergency departments (ED). In 2016 an agreed Model of Care was published and the service expanded. It established a clinical framework to ensure that any person who presents to the ED following self-harm or with suicide-related ideation receives a compassionate, empathic, validating response, and a therapeutic assessment and intervention from a suitably trained mental health professional; that every effort is made to ensure that a family member or supportive adult is involved in assessment and safety planning, and that they are followed up and linked to appropriate next care.

Consultant Psychiatrists, Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists and non-Consultant Hospital Doctors are responsible for delivering the programme, with Area Management Teams from each service ensuring it is fully implemented. The appointment of dedicated Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist's (CNS) in each emergency department has contributed to the improvements in response for people with self-harm or suicide-related ideation.

Currently, Mental Health are not in a position to report on expenditure or budget by service category. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (i.e. Nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation. The Future Health Report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway and the IFMS project is currently in the detailed design phase. When the IFMS system is fully implemented, Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure by service category however we are currently not in a position to do so.

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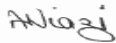
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Based on the above I am able to advise that each CNS is costed as per table below. These costs change each year.

Salary Mid Point (Full)	Allowances	Salary plus Allowances	Annual Salary (WTE)	Annual PRSI	Total Annual Pay	Annual Non Pay	Total Annual Budget
54,920	5,626	60,546	60,546	6,690	67,236	6,055	73,290

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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