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Deputy Johnny Guirke  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ – 56660/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on hearing aid installations for County Meath through the medical card scheme in each of the years 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Johnny Guirke**

Dear Deputy Guirke,

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 outlined the position as follows.

The Meath Area is covered by the Audiology Service in CHO 9 which also covers part of CHO 6&7 and therefore it is not possible to split out the cost by county.

The Community Audiology budget for CHO9 for the years stated are thus:

CHO9 + Co. Meath	
2021	€2,917,294
2020	€2,885,836
2019	€2,789,411
2018	€2,750,821
2017	€2,716,894

\*\*These figures includes budget for CHO6&7 too as the budget was held jointly.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Anne Kennedy  
Acting Chief Officer  
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