



10th December 2021

Deputy Johnny Guirke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 56662/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on hearing aid installations in each county through the medical card scheme in each of the years 2017 to 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 (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 56662/21) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Each CHO is funded to provide hearing assessment and management for infants, children and adult medical card holders. Please note that the budgets are not specified for adult / paediatric services or by county, rather the funding is managed centrally within the CHO to provide the required services.

Please see the table below, which outlines the budget for Community Audiology by CHO for each year. This includes pay and non-pay costs, but is fully inclusive for the service delivery for children and adults.

Year	CHO 1* €	CHO 2 €	CHO 3 €	CHO 4 €	CHO 5 €	CHO 6 / 7 / 9** €	CHO 8*** €	TOTAL €
2017	597,427	1,824,274	540,000	1,164,598	721,000	4,150,999	662,692	9,660,990
2018	788,924	1,792,936	457,000	1,427,076	622,000	4,254,550	792,398	10,134,884
2019	985,915	1,806,448	625,000	1,410,876	873,000	4,352,613	622,895	10,676,747
2020	688,884	1,929,470	570,000	1,011,755	782,000	4,377,056	495,011	9,854,176

Notes: * Cavan and Monaghan included in CHO 9 budget

** Budget for CHO 6, 7 and 9 has historically been combined. This is being reviewed.

*** Budget for Meath included under CHO 9 historically.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt'.

Seán McArt

General Manager Primary Care
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