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Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re PQ 59006 21: To ask the Minister for Health the annual budget allocated to each hospital in the State over each of the past five years; if additional current funding has been requested for any individual hospital or hospital group; the reason for the additional funding request; the response of his Department to each request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see Appendix 1 attached (separate pdf attachment) which provides the Acute Hospital Annual Budgets allocated by Hospital and Hospital Group for the years 2017 to 2021.

You have also asked if additional funding has been requested for any individual hospital or group. The onset of covid-19 markedly increased the volume and type of funding requests in the public health system. Traditionally, the annual estimates process was the vehicle for seeking funding. In more recent years the Winter Plan became a vehicle and with covid-19, new channels opened resulting in a very dynamic and responsive environment from central government.

In addition to the annual estimates process for 2021, the HSE made multiple requests for funding on behalf of hospitals and these were very positively received with major allocations of funding – for example:-

- Pandemic Plan (€235m allocated for new beds)
- Critical Care Implementation Plan (€52m for new ICU beds)
- Funding for PPE , infection control, testing, vaccination etc

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>sarah.anderson1@hse.ie</u> or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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