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PQ: 49164/21

**To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost to the Exchequer of anti-anxiety and separately anti-depressant medication in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Réada Cronin**

Dear Deputy Cronin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 49164/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Year	GMS	DPS	LTI	HAA	Total All Schemes
2016	€43,525,724	€4,889,499	€389,941	€55,760	€48,860,923
2017	€38,864,401	€4,127,105	€370,291	€50,687	€43,412,485
2018	€39,011,207	€4,353,381	€405,532	€51,584	€43,821,703
2019	€39,800,221	€4,369,902	€447,749	€54,170	€44,672,043
2020	€41,288,709	€4,728,071	€473,645	€53,728	€46,544,153

Please note the information provided is based on claim data which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only. Whilst the report reflects the reimbursement cost presented against pharmacy claims for those with GMS and DPS eligibility, expenditure for patients receiving products privately or sub-threshold DPS cannot be determined by PCRS.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle  
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