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**Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

PQ 41748/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to retain additional capacity for day services added for resumption of day services under Covid-19 restrictions and to fully staff this.

PQ 41750/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to fully meet demand for day services on pre-pandemic levels

PQ 41754/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 1% and 5% increase to the day care services current and capital budgets.

PQ 41756/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 1% and 10% increase to HSE expenditure on day services on pre-pandemic levels.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

As the above four questions relate to the same topic I have addressed them in the one response. We have provided figures and information for Day Services related to both Disability Services and Older Persons Services.

On Friday, October 22nd 2021 on which final Public Health measures regarding Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted and in line with the Governments Roadmap "Reframing the challenge, continuing our recovery and reconnecting" which outlines a change in the approach to the ongoing management of Covid-19, there is now potential for the full restoration of adult day services.

In that context, day service providers have been requested to develop individual day service location roadmaps to restore the level of day service provision to pre Covid-19 levels by 22nd October. However, the activity of the virus over the coming months will determine the need for any additional funding required to enable full service restoration to continue.

Disability Services

Funding allocation in 2021 for disability day services is approximately €543m. Therefore, a 1%, 5% and 10% increase would equate to €5m, €27.15m and €54.3m respectively, based on expenditure in day services pre Covid-19. There is no dedicated capital budget for Disability Day Services. Capital Investment is required and planning is underway to determine service needs over the next five years.

It is also important to note the recent publication of the Department of Health's "Disability Capacity Review to 2032 -A Review of Disability Social Care Demand and Capacity Requirements up to 2032". The Capacity Review provides detailed evidence of the extent of demographic and unmet need and provides detailed estimates of service and expenditure requirements for:

- Residential care
- Adult day services
- Personal assistance and home support
- Multidisciplinary therapies
- Respite, and other community services and supports.

The Capacity Review emphasises the importance of a planned approach to meeting current and future requirements and the critical need for a multi-annual current and capital funding programme to secure effective and timely delivery, at the most reasonable cost. The HSE strongly welcomes this recommendation and agrees that detailed forward planning underpinned by multi-annual investment is required to ensure that services become available where and when they are needed.

Older Persons Services

Funding allocation in 2021 for Older Persons Day Services is approximately €39m. Therefore, a 1%, 5% and 10% increase in funding would equate to 390K, €1.9m and €3.9m respectively. There is no dedicated capital budget for Older Persons Day Services.

In line with Covid-19 restrictions, a large number of day services were stood down during the pandemic, though in line with the previously mentioned Government's Roadmap relating to recovery, a plan to restore these services is underway. Following a review of costs the estimated total additional funding required to reopen services is €7.6m; of which €1.6m relates to minor work.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne O'Neill
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