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Deputy David Cullinane, Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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PQ Number: 41770/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to increase investment in approved

mental health centre capital works, site maintenance and upgrade works budget to €30

million - David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 the following outlines the position.

In 2021Mental Health Services were allocated 13M for Minor Capital Works to enhance MH facilities some of which would be targeted at our Approved Centre's. In addition, some 15 M was also allocated to more Major Capital works in Mental Health including Approved Centre's. Our Maintenance colleagues in Estates Department incur maintenance expenditure of circa €24 million each year. This maintenance expenditure relates to the full range of mental health services across the country as the current financial systems do not allow us to obtain data for approved centres' only. This expenditure relates to maintenance costs incurred across the nine Community Healthcare Organisations, however it should be noted that there is also an Estates maintenance budget held centrally which covers some of the larger capital related maintenance works. This Estates maintenance budget is not included in the figures already referenced.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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