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Deputy Richard Bruton TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 42370 21: *To ask the Minister for Health the fully absorbed cost of the average emergency department attendance; and the average daily running cost of a hospital bed in an accident and emergency department at a model 4 hospital for example Cork University Hospital in 2019 and 2020.*

Dear Deputy Bruton,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The overall average cost of an emergency department attendance is €300. This is based on 2019 data which is the latest data available. The average relates solely to the portion of care given in the ED. We do not currently have the average daily cost of an emergency department bed so we are unable to provide a response to this part of your request.

The data was provided by the HSE Healthcare Pricing Office and is for HSE Acute hospital coded data only.

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

Yours sincerely

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