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Deputy Róisín Shortall,  
Dail Eireann,  
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**PQ Number: 42870/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the 2021 budget for mental health that has been spent in 2021; if he will report on any funding still to be allocated or spent to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shorthall,

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.

The full year budget for Mental Health Services is €1,089 million. The latest YTD financial figures for Mental Health are as at the end of August 2021. As outlined below this YTD position indicates expenditure of €713.89 million compared to a YTD budget of €713.91m leading to a broadly breakeven position at the end of August.

In relation to funding still to be allocated, Mental Health Services were approved €23 million development funding as part of NSP 2021. Due to the significant timeframes required to recruit these development posts, along with delays due to COVID 19 and the recent HSE Cyber Attack, the majority of these posts are expected to be recruited in Q4 of 2021 with the full year funding requirement of €23 million to be spent in 2022.

Aug-21	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance (incl Covid)
	€m	€m	€m
Mental health total	713.89	713.91	-0.02

	€m
Mental Health budget 2021 (as at 31/08/21)	1,089



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ryan".

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**Jim Ryan**  
**Assistant National Director - Head of Operations**  
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