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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,
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An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Mr Ged Nash T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 21527/22

To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for suicide prevention services in CHO8 and in County Louth, respectively from 2017 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Ged Nash

Dear Deputy Nash,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond in the context of your recent correspondence in relation to the funding provided for suicide prevention services in CHO8 respectively from 2017 to 2021.

Below is a breakdown of funding provided for suicide prevention services from 2017 to 2021.

Pay		Grants		Other Non-Pay		CHO8 Total	
Years	Louth/Meath	Midlands	Louth/Meath	Midlands	Louth/Meath		Midlands
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
2021	58,830	137,844		158,825	65,929	96,825	518,253
2020	65,606	159,178	3,700	190,276	56,040	69,797	544,597
2019	65,849	152,875	-	32,500	24,000	88,157	363,381
2018	64,048	148,618	-	45,000	21,999	84,657	364,322
2017	64,000	145,712		19,000	22,000	104,455	355,167

*2017 Budget for Louth/Meath is an estimated budget – only established a separate cost centre in 2018.

As you will note in the above table there is a difference in figures provided for the Midlands area and Louth/Meath. By way of explaining this variance, please be advised that there are 2 Suicide Resource Officers in the Midlands area & 1 in Louth/Meath. There is also currently a vacant post in Louth/Meath.

It should be noted that two organisations receive significant funding in Laois/Offaly (€50K & €74K) which increases the Midlands figure significantly.

Regrettably, due to the ROSP vacancy in Louth Meath, some allocations received for printing of resources, Mental Health initiatives have not being utilised. In addition, due to Covid, there was an



underspend of training monies allocated and due to the vacant ROSP post in Louth/Meath, this wasn't reallocated in grants to community orgs/groups as per the Midlands area.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Flynn
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