

15th December 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 60107/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of security costs associated with the HSE facility (details supplied) from 2019 to 2022 inclusive, including the projected cost for the remainder of 2022; if he will set out in detail the decorum security services provided at that cost; the name(s) of the security firm(s) providing the services, and details of any tendering process that may have applied to the granting of those contracts; and if security is paid for by the HSE in any other mental health facility in Cork and Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter..”

Details supplied: Millfield House in Blackpool, Cork

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

Please note security measures were put in place in 2020 due to frequent and serious anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. Please see table below in relation to costings of same:

Year	Amount
2020	153,793
2021	208,974
2022 YTD	189,001
2022 Projected	206,182

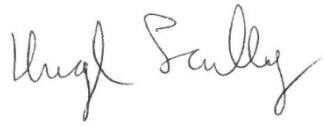
It is also important to note that the building was being utilised in a limited way during the Covid-19 pandemic for staff office space and to hold day programmes with residents of other High Support Hostels while maintaining social distancing.

With regard to the company providing the services, I have been advised that Bidvest Noonan are the National supplier for provision of security services for the HSE, so there was no tendering process involved. The response to your query in relation to security paid in any other mental health facility will be outlined in PQ 60108/22.

The HSE continuously review the requirement of expenditure including security on an ongoing basis.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hugh Scully". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'S'.

Mr. Hugh Scully
A/General Manager
Mental Health Services, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare