

19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 60993/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health his views on providing multi-annual funding for the mental health unit in Bantry General Hospital.”**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

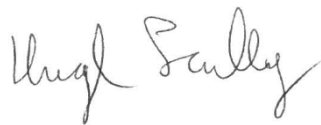
The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The funding provided to the HSE is allocated on an annual basis. As such, individual units do not receive multi-annual budgets.

Mental Health Services received funding for their budget under the National Service Plan. This is an annual process.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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