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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 35307/22: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 10% increase in placements if the number of undergraduate new entrants in medicine increased by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 am advised that the clinical placements for undergraduate students are organised directly by the Medical Schools. The HSE does not provide direct funding to the Medical Schools for the organisation of clinical rotations. There is no national agreement in place between the Medical Schools and HSE in relation to clinical placements. Medical Schools engage with the local hospitals to organise the clinical placements.

Queries relating to funding structures for undergraduate medical education should be directed to the Department of Further and Higher Education.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Brian O' Connor
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