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PQ35308/ 22- Deputy David Cullinane To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 10% increase in placements if the number of undergraduate new entrants in social work and counselling increased by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation.

An additional intake of 10% increase on programmes leading to qualification for Social Work may necessitate additional resources for tutor /co-ordination of student practice education at local level.

Social work students have placements in many settings including some that are not in the HSE making it difficult to estimate the costs to the HSE of a 10% increase in number of students. Counselling and psychotherapy must complete the requisite number of hours under supervision to complete their programme but no information is available to us on costs.

There may be an option to refer to Directors of Counselling in the HSE National Counselling service for more information.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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