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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost to develop 12 community child and adult mental health services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I have consulted with HSE Office of the National Director Capital and Estates in relation to this response.

The process of developing an “estimated capital cost” to develop 12 community child and adult mental health services is dependent on having an understanding of a number of important factors all of which will influence the potential range of costs. Consideration must be given to: new construction build versus refurbishment, the extent of enabling or decant works which may be required, geographical location, site specific statutory obligations, the extent of infection prevention control measures, and the scope of ancillary upgrade and refurbishment works, all of which are critical factors in order to determine an appropriate order of magnitude cost. Developing an understanding of the necessary scope which is site specific would require significant surveying and investigative work to be completed, along with a preliminary design to capture the spatial impact of the proposal.

Therefore, in the context of your Parliamentary Question, it is very difficult to provide an estimate all in capital cost to develop 12 community child and adult mental health services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'.

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