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PQ Number: 41516/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of mental health services; the percentage of the overall health budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard Boyd Barrett

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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.

The table below provides detail on Mental Health Funding for 2022. A total of €1, 159 million was allocated to Mental Health as per the National Service Plan representing 5.6% of the overall HSE budget.

Mental Health Funding 2022	
Heading	2022 €m
Mental Health budget per National Service Plan	1,159
Overall HSE budget per NSP	20,682
Mental Health budget as a % of overall HSE budget	5.6%

It should be noted that the mental health budget compared to the overall HSE budget has been around 6% for the last number of years, most notably in 2020 and 2021. This was due to significant centrally managed COVID based supports such as test and trace service and the vaccination programme.

There are other significant mental health costs such as GP mental health services, National Drug Treatment Centre and mental health drugs/medicines which are managed through Primary Care Reimbursement



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Service (PCRS) which do not form part of the mental health budget outlined above. However these cost must also be considered when viewing the overall results.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker', written in a cursive style.

Tony Mc Cusker
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