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Deputy David Cullinane

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

**PQ 29805/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the all-in full-year revenue cost of an acute inpatient bed; 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 by the National Finance Division that the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed across acute hospitals estimated by the HSE Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) for 2022 is €1,029 per day. The estimated annual running cost of an in-patient hospital bed across acute hospitals is €375,842.

The cost is based on 2019 costs inflated appropriately to create 2022 estimates. In previous years the estimated average daily running cost figure was based on the latest year's cost and activity data submitted by hospitals under the Activity Based Funding (ABF) programme. However, the latest year for which full cost and activity data is currently available is 2020 which was highly impacted by Covid-19. The effects of Covid-19 on both costs and activity levels in 2020 make the data unsuitable for estimation / projection purposes. As a result, the ABF price list for 2022 was generated based on 2019 costs inflated appropriately to reflect expected 2022 conditions.

The cost represents the in-patient cost of a hospital bed including costs associated with:

- Clinical staffing
- Theatres
- Laboratories
- Non-clinical staffing
- Cleaning, maintenance and other running costs



The cost is a 'fully absorbed' cost meaning it includes all treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as running costs such as heating and lighting, servicing equipment etc. but excludes capital and depreciation. It does not include other associated hospital costs such as day case, outpatient and emergency department costs. This cost is a national average across all nights, all hospitals and all types of inpatient cases from the most routine to the most complex.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carol Ivory'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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**Carol Ivory**

**General Manager,**

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