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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

PQ Number: 29865/22

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing safeguarding team staffing levels by 10% including the employer's PRSI. – **Deputy David Cullinane**

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive (HSE) for direct response. This Office has been requested to reply on behalf of the HSE.

The HSE launched the National Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse, National Policy and Procedures in December 2014 and the HSE Adult safeguarding service is delivered by teams of social workers based across the nine HSE Community Health Care Organisations. . The reply to your question is based on an estimated cost for increasing the current staffing teams by 10 % including provision for employer's PRSI contribution and non-pay expenditure to expand team numbers. Please note that this is an estimation exercise as the question did specify any particular grade of staff.



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It is estimated that the overall expenditure of increasing the staffing levels on the basis set out above by 10% would require an additional annual investment of **€845,240.00**.

Yours Sincerely,

Tim Hanly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hanly', is positioned above a solid black horizontal line.

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