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Deputy Thomas Gould, TD
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PQ Number: 33107/22

To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost per bed of providing a State-owned addiction residential rehabilitation bed

PQ Number: 33108/22

To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost per bed of providing a State-owned addiction residential rehabilitation service.

PQ Number: 33110/22

To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost per bed of a State-owned community detox bed

PQ Number: 33111/22

To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost per bed of providing a State-owned community detox bed.

PQ Number: 33112/22

To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost per bed of providing a State-owned medical detox bed.

PQ Number: 33113/22

To ask the Minister for Health the annual running cost, per bed of providing a State-owned medical detox bed.

PQ Number: 33120/22

To ask the Minister for Health the cost, per bed of an addiction stepdown residential facility.

PQ Number: 33121/22

To ask the Minister for Health the cost per bed of recovery housing

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position as returned to us from the CHO Area Managers.



In regard to the questions of current and capital costs of residential services, this is dependent on the specific facility and location. The cost of a treatment episode varies dependent on the type of residential service, namely: rehabilitation (short stay, long stay, therapeutic community), adolescent, detoxification (inpatient medical or community) and step-down. The difference can be because of the service duration, age of the clients and/or the therapy programme provided. Additionally, within each of the types, there can also be differences in the service provided due to duration, clinical mix, therapy programme or number of beds. These differences affect the overall cost of one place on a treatment programme. The cost per bed of recovery housing is the same as that of a residential rehab step-down bed.

However, a 2017 unit cost analysis calculated the average cost of a treatment episode in different types of residential services and duration. A repeat exercise is planned but in the interim, average costs from 2017 were estimated to be in the region of:

- €13,000 for inpatient medical detoxification (the duration of treatment ranging from 28 to 56 days).
- €6,900 for short stay residential rehabilitation (the duration of treatment ranging from 28 to 42 days).
- €18,400 for step-down (the duration of treatment ranging from 84 to 365 days).
- €16,000 for Community-based adolescent residential

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please revert to me.

Yours sincerely,



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