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20th July 2022

PQ Number: 34804/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the cost of funding the existing levels of service in mental health in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

Further to my response to your Parliamentary Question 34805/22, the table below provides detail on the cost of funding the existing levels of service in Mental Health in the HSE.

Net Mental Health Funding 2019 to 2022				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
	€m	€m	€m	€m
Mental Health	974.4	1,017.5	1,100.4	1,145.2
National Office for Suicide Prevention	13.0	13.8	13.7	13.8
Total Mental Health Budget per NSP	987.4	1,031.3	1,114.0	1,159.0
Mental Health development funding	35.0	13.0	23.0	24.0
ELS funding	5.4	4.0	27.7	11.3
Pay restoration funding	11.8	25.5	15.7	18.9

The ELS figure in 2021 represents additional funding received in order to address historic deficits in Mental Health arising primarily in relation to:

- recruitment issues leading to increased agency/overtime requirements



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- Private placements

The funding received represented in part a rebalancing of CHO's budgets and addressed their historic deficits which had built up over the preceding period.

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
General Manager
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