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Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

05th April 2022

PQ Number: 11156/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the nine liaison mental health service teams to 13 as recommended in a Vision for Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Liaison Psychiatry is a sub-specialty of adult psychiatry and refers to clinical services which deliver care at the intersection of mental and physical health care. Liaison Psychiatry services provide specialist medical expertise of the management of conditions which occur in areas overlapping mental and physical healthcare, and is delivered in general or acute hospital settings. A key component of the work of the Liaison Psychiatry team is to the Emergency Departments of their hospitals. The service provided to people who present following self-harm in Ireland is guided by the National Guidelines of the National Clinical Programme for people presenting to EDs following self-harm (NCP-SH).

The table below outlines the cost of four additional teams as per your Parliamentary Question.



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Mental Health Liasion team										
Grade Code	Post	WTE Total	Salary Mid Point (Full)	Allowance	Salary plus Allowances	Annual Salary (WTE)	Annual PRSI	Total Annual Pay	Non Pay	Total Budget
143Y	Consultant	1.0	€172,144		€172,144	€172,144	€19,022	€191,166	€17,214	€208,380
3689	PSYCHOLOGIST, CLINICAL	2.0	€69,359		€69,359	€138,718	€15,328	€154,046	€13,872	€167,918
3948	PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER	2.0	€51,702		€51,702	€103,403	€11,426	€114,829	€10,340	€125,170
3298	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	1.0	€46,227		€46,227	€46,227	€5,108	€51,335	€4,623	€55,958
3028	COUNSELLOR THERAPIST - NATIONAL COUNSELLING	3.5	€62,000		€62,000	€216,999	€23,978	€240,978	€21,700	€262,678
2704	COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSE	6.0	€53,501	€5,449	€58,950	€353,701	€39,084	€392,785	€35,370	€428,155
2658	CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER 2 (MENTAL HEALTH)	2.0	€55,469	€5,449	€60,918	€121,836	€13,463	€135,298	€12,184	€147,482
6416	FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS (NON-PAYPATH)	2.5	€34,682		€34,682	€86,704	€9,581	€96,285	€8,670	€104,955
0558	GRADE IV (CLERICAL)	2.0	€37,439		€37,439	€74,879	€8,274	€83,153	€7,488	€90,641
	Total	22.0								€1,591,336
								Cost of 4 additional teams		€6,365,344

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Ryan
Assistant National Director - Head of Operations
National Mental Health Services