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**PQ Ref 12189/22 To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to fund the endometriosis centres at Tallaght University Hospital and Cork University Maternity Hospital; if this will include infrastructure, staff, training; the funding for same in tabular form; 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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Endometriosis is one of the most common gynaecological conditions requiring treatment and in Ireland, 1 in 10 women reportedly suffer from endometriosis. The National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) will this year devise a Model of Care for the treatment and management of endometriosis. This Model of Care will set forth the appropriate management of the various stages of this condition and see the establishment of two supra-regional specialist services at Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) and Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH).

Initial funding was provided by NWIHP to enhance endometriosis services in TUH in 2021 to the total of €640,736. This investment included the allocation of funding for recruitment of essential health care professionals and also allowed for some once-off costs such as small refurbishments of clinical space, purchase of equipment etc. As the Model of Care for endometriosis is currently in the development stage in consultation with key stakeholders, the exact allocation of resources has yet to be finalised and as such, we are not in a position to provide the exact details you have requested. At this juncture however, it is envisioned that funding across the two sites, TUH and CUMH, will be in the region of approximately €1.4 million.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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