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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 12817/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of diagnostic tests and examinations carried out by the HSE in each of the years 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

HSE Community Services conduct a wide range of diagnostic tests and examinations, ranging from psychological assessment to audiology, ophthalmology and a wide range of therapy assessments including for example, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry etc.

These diagnostic tests are generally discipline specific and contribute to the patient record and care plan. Given the diverse range of diagnostic tests and examinations, the diagnostic information is not collated as the cost of collation would far outweigh its value. However, Community Services are working to develop their ICT capabilities and intend to submit proposals to the Department of Health for the development of an Integrated Community Case Management System. Should this proposal be accepted and funded by the Department of Health, the routine reporting of information such as that sought by the Deputy will be more accessible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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