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REPDR12837/22 \* “To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of purchasing care for public patients abroad in each of the years 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The HSE operates a Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS), for persons entitled to treatment in another EU/EEA member state, Switzerland or the UK under EU Regulation 883/2004, as per the procedures set out in EU Regulation 987/2009, and in accordance with Department of Health and Children Guidelines. Within these governing EU Regulations and the Department of Health and Children’s Guidelines, the TAS provides for the cost of approved treatments in another EU/EEA member state, Switzerland or the UK through the issue of form E112 (IE). The TAS is the mechanism for purchasing care for public patients abroad. The TAS allows for an Irish based consultant to refer a patient abroad for treatment in another EU/EEA country, the UK or Switzerland and seek prior authorisation of funding in respect of same.

There is also the Cross Border Directive (CBD) scheme and the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme (NIPHS) which public patients may use to access healthcare abroad. These two schemes differ from the TAS in that the HSE does not purchase the care for the patient but in general reimburses eligible patients upon return to Ireland.

I am setting out hereunder the cost of treatment for public patients for the years 2012 to 2022 year to date as requested.

Year	Cost of treatment
2012	€7,820,492.55
2013	€9,947,749.36
2014	€11,765,711.27
2015	€11,888,910.26
2016	€9,874,933.04
2017	€15,803,378.52
2018	€14,155,521.00
2019	€16,012,794.71

2020	€13,849,960.57
2021	€18,801,954.65
2022 (Jan to 10/Mar/22 inclusive)	€1,622,944.00
Total	€131,544,349.93

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 087 2668759 or via [catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie](mailto:catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,



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