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Deputy Smyth,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ Ref 25152/22: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to ensure access for every woman to perinatal mental-health supports in every maternity hospital and unit.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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.

The Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services Model of Care for Ireland was launched in 2017. In the subsequent years, the Model of Care has been fully funded and there are now in place six fully staffed hub teams working with and supporting 13 staffed spoke sites.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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