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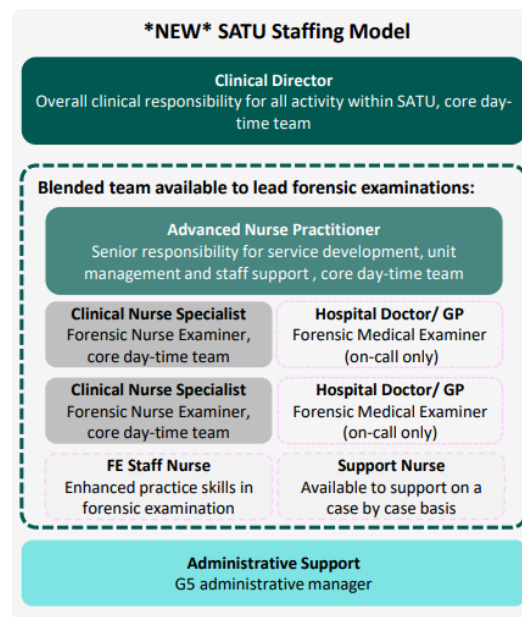
Deputy Murnane O'Connor,  
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Dublin 2

**PQ Ref 25182/22: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to resource sexual assault treatment units according to need and ensure access across the country..**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

In 2019, the Department of Health published their *Policy Review: Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATUs)*. One of the areas investigated as part of this review was the staffing levels across the units. The review demonstrated that the staffing profile at that time varied from unit to unit and did not align with the Safe Staffing Frameworks. As a result of this, an action to resource a minimum day-time, team based staffing model for each SATU was identified (see figure below).



The DoH released €0.54m in held-back funding to NWIHP to implement the actions as set out in the policy review. This funding was allocated by way of investment in new posts across the six SATUs in

order to implement the new staffing model. This funding has been targeted at ensuring that all SATUs have a designated Clinical Director, an ANP, a Grade V administrator and the appropriate level of CNS skills levels.

A further €0.25m was allocated in 2022 to complete full implementation of the policy review. This is being targeted at securing further resources for SATUs thereby ensuring that the recommendations of the policy review are fully implemented.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



**Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme**