



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin,
Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20.
R: PQReps.NatMHOPS@hse.ie

Head of Operations, Mental Health Service
St Loman's Hospital,
Palmerstown, Dublin 20.
Email: PQReps.NatMHOPS@hse.ie

Deputy Róisín Shortall,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

8th June 2022

PQ Number: 25967/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health when the evaluation of the individual placement and support services will be published; the cost of each individual placement and support service; the outcomes of each individual placement and support service; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

An evaluation of the IPS service (Fidelity Review) is to commence in September 2022 and the results will be published upon completion in April 2023. National data is collected on a quarterly basis and is circulated to all interested stakeholders. This data is also used to plan how the IPS service is developed.

The cost for each Individual Placement Support Service is €60,000 per annum. Employment Specialists have a caseload of 20 people max at any one time. In addition to the cost of individual placement, further supports are provided to the IPS service. These include the following:

- | |
|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community of Practice events for Occupational Therapy staff, Employment Specialists and Employment Coordinators each year. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 national training events for all staff |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A coordinated approach to how our service is delivered by designing and implementing a common approach on engagement with Employers. |



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin,
Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20.
R: PQReps.NatMHOPS@hse.ie

Head of Operations, Mental Health Service
St Loman's Hospital,
Palmerstown, Dublin 20.
Email: PQReps.NatMHOPS@hse.ie

The available cumulative national data for IPS since it became mainstreamed into the HSE in June 2021 is as follows with 654 referrals to the programme, an active case load of 478 with 322 in employment and 176 on the waiting list to enter the programme.

Referrals Received	654
Current caseload	478
Current waiting list	176
In Employment < 3 months	163
In Employment < 6 months	80
In Employment < 9 months	79

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Ryan
Assistant National Director - Head of Operations
National Mental Health Services