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**PQ Number: 26670/22**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing cross sectoral training for dual diagnosis for all existing staff in each drug and alcohol services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis is embarking on providing a cross sectoral training and capacity building programme to all health care professionals who support individuals presenting with a Dual Diagnosis.

The first stage of this process is to carry out a whole of system training needs analysis (TNA). This TNA has just concluded and the data is currently being collated. The second stage is to identify gaps and then seek to close these gaps. Until these stages are complete we are not in a position to provide any costings for the provision of the training at this point.

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

Yours sincerely,

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