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To ask the Minister for Health the yearly spend on sepsis awareness in the past five years; his plans to raise awareness of sepsis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Sepsis on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Sepsis promotes sepsis awareness among health professionals in the hospital setting and primary care and also among the general public. Funding secured by the programme over the last five years has been in excess of €228,000. This figure is an approximation and does not include staff costs for the National Clinical Programme for Sepsis. Please refer to the table in Appendix 1 for a breakdown of this figure. National Clinical Programme for Sepsis staff members were reallocated to clinical activities during 2020/21 to assist with the Covid-19 response and the funding received through these years reflects this.

In relation to future plans, the National Clinical Programme for Sepsis is currently liaising with PR colleagues to develop a public awareness strategy to be rolled out during 2023. It is envisaged that this will include a television campaign for which funding will be sought.

The National Clinical Programme for Sepsis has now developed strong links with primary care and is liaising with relevant GP bodies and their software providers to design an automated sepsis prompt in GP surgeries. It is hoped that this will go live during 2023. The National Clinical Programme for Sepsis will continue its work of raising awareness of sepsis in hospitals by way of e-learning tools, traditional lectures and teaching with audit tools to test effectiveness.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Anne Horgan
General Manager

Appendix 1:

YEAR	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT (€)
2018	Adult Sepsis Cards/Leaflets	286
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	Conference 5th National Sepsis Summit	1,845
	Design hours for amendments to charts/posters	1,593
	Awareness poster Sepsis	62
	Display Stand and Brochures	12,120
	Engraving-Jade Montagne Aware	400
2019	Design and layout of sepsis report	3,002
	Display stand and brochures	12,120
	E learning training and education (Aurion Learning)	87,950
	Consultancy services University of West Scotland	5,924
	Sepsis Summit	10,502
	Stationary	306
	Sepsis animated video	4,182
	Ambulances fitted with sepsis message	6,233
2020	Editing Paediatric Sepsis leaflets	300
	Facebook Media Spend	3,000
2021	Training and Education eLearning	27,300
2022	Sepsis T shirts	180
	GP Sepsis lead for 12 months	47,563
	Care doc sepsis software tool for GPs by Adastra	2,192
	Sepsis Awareness Month/World Sepsis Day public awareness	1,279