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PQ Number: PQ 52592/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of the overall health budget that has been allocated to mental health for each of the Budgets 2019 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter –Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 table below sets out Mental Health Funding 2019 to 2023.

Mental Health Funding 2019 to 2023					
Heading	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
Budget per NSP *	987	1,031	1,114	1,159	1,223
PFG development funding	35	13	23	24	14
HSE total Budget per NSP *	16,050	17,056	20,623	20,682	21,689
MH budget as a % of overall HSE budget	6.2%	6.0%	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%

Note 1

Note 1 - NSP 2021, 2022 & 2023 include significant COVID funding which impacts on the overall Mental Health budget %



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* The NSP for 2023 is not finalised, therefore figures included are draft and are subject to change.

It should be noted that the mental health budget compared to the overall HSE budget has been around 6% for the last number of years, most notably in 2020 and 2021. This was due to significant centrally managed COVID based supports such as test and trace service and the vaccination programme.

There are other significant mental health costs such as GP mental health services, National Drug Treatment Centre and mental health drugs/medicines which are managed through Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) which do not form part of the mental health budget outlined above. However these costs must also be considered when viewing the overall results.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'.

Tony Mc Cusker
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