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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 12 July 2022, the timeline that he is working towards for allocating dedicated funding for the inpatient mental health support mother-and-baby unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall**

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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.

Further to your Parliamentary Question 37490/22 dated 20th July 2022, there is no firm timeline in place regarding the allocation of dedicated funding for the inpatient mental health support mother-and-baby unit. The HSE are continuing to work with all key stakeholders to ensure that this is done as quickly as is possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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