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30th March 2023

Mr. David Cullinane, TD
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 7045/23, “To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Beaumont Hospital on access to private diagnostics in each of the years 2018 to 2022, inclusive, by firm, in tabular form.”

Re: Parliamentary Question 7084/23, “To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by Beaumont Hospital on private medical and other healthcare services for public patients for each year 2013 to 2022, by provider/consultant for each hospital by service type, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Details as follows:

| Service Type | Year | Amount Spent |
|--|------|---------------|
| Private Diagnostics Costs - Laboratory | 2013 | €555,835.00 |
| | 2014 | €607,477.00 |
| | 2015 | €833,611.00 |
| | 2016 | €823,494.00 |
| | 2017 | €767,875.00 |
| | 2018 | €1,049,123.00 |
| | 2019 | €1,483,494.00 |
| | 2020 | €1,867,888.00 |
| | 2021 | €3,003,186.00 |
| | 2022 | €3,490,966.00 |
| Service Type | Year | Amount Spent |
| Private Diagnostics Costs – Imaging | 2013 | €750,772.00 |
| | 2014 | €872,533.00 |
| | 2015 | €1,049,599.00 |
| | 2016 | €1,089,441.00 |
| | 2017 | €1,403,098.00 |
| | 2018 | €1,291,847.00 |
| | 2019 | €1,291,110.00 |
| | 2020 | €1,192,462.00 |
| | 2021 | €1,070,662.00 |
| | 2022 | €2,608,903.00 |

It should be noted that private diagnostic costs (scan / testing) form part of the patient’s clinical requirements for services not available at Beaumont Hospital. Examples include, PET scan (x2 available only in Dublin area) and Laboratory specialised testing, which may be conducted in other Irish or International Laboratories.



| Service Type | Year | Amount Spent |
|------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Satellite Dialysis Treatment | 2015 | €1,167,780.00 |
| | 2016 | €4,478,562.00 |
| | 2017 | €4,471,459.00 |
| | 2018 | €4,361,690.00 |
| | 2019 | €4,508,782.00 |
| | 2020 | €4,595,406.00 |
| | 2021 | €4,794,939.00 |
| | 2022 | €5,387,773.00 |

Beaumont Hospital acts as a funding channel for the HSE to procure dialysis services within the North East Area. Utilisation of private services is required owing to lack of public dialysis services.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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