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Deputy Denis Naughten
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PQ 1990 23 - To ask the Minister for Health the specific additional funding provided to each hospital group and each CHO under the winter initiative 2022-2023; the funds drawn down to date by hospital group and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Denis Naughten TD

Significant investment has been received through Winter Planning and National Service Plans (NSPs) over the past three years. This investment has enabled the Health Service Executive (HSE) to respond to the immediate demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, provide continuity of non-COVID-19 services and enhance all healthcare services across the contium.

In the context of the longer term integrated response for Unscheduled Care, the HSE has worked closely with hospital sites and CHOs to develop bespoke, integrated, local immediate action plans for Winter 2022/2023. These immediate action plans have been tailored to the needs of the local context, informed by clinical engagement and supported by Senior Management Teams. The plan was agreed with government and published by the HSE on the 11th October and is available on the following link:-

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/media/pressrel/winter-plan-2022-23.pdf>

The initiatives are guided by the 'Five Fundamentals Framework of Unscheduled Care' which focuses on the following critical enablers:

- I. Leadership, Culture and Governance;
- II. Patient Flow at Pre-Admission;
- III. Patient Flow at Post-Admission;
- IV. Integrated Community and Hospital Services; and
- V. Data and Business Intelligence.

The winter Plan outlines the investment for 2022/2023 on Page 6 as €169,112,669, this was later agreed at €168,112,669.

The specific funding for the bespoke Hospital Group and Community Health Organisations is outlined below.

	<u>Total</u>
Children's Health Ireland	€1,391,366
Dublin Midlands Group	€859,399
RCSI	€2,410,844
Saolta University Health Care Group/Community Healthcare West	€12,629,820
South South West Hospital Group	€3,688,938
University Limerick Hospital Group	€6,414,514
CHO 1	€2,751,379
CHO 2	€12,056,850
CHO 3	€2,189,949
CHO 4	€5,147,280
CHO 5	€100,000
CHO 7	€579,413
CHO 8	€3,831,046
CHO 9	€81,000
Total	€54,131,797

The remaining funding is detailed to individual initiatives as per Page 6 of the Winter Plan.

Procurement of Private Capacity	€10,000,000
Transitional Care Funding	€16,000,000
Short Stay Respite	€4,000,000
Aids and Appliances	€4,500,000
GP Support &OOH	€10,000,000
Vaccination and complex support packages	€1,100,000
Complex Packages	€4,000,000
Complex Packages	€5,100,000
Private Capacity Home Care	€500,000
Individual Placements	€3,000,000
Private Capacity - Ambulance	€3,000,000
Rapid HO Teams	€3,800,000
Communication Initiatives	€2,195,000
Emergency Services - Minor Injury etc.	€5,000,000
Intergrated Action Teams	€20,000,000
Saffer Staffing	€3,735,181

Community Intervention Teams	€2,024,000
Emergency Medicine Consultant posts and support	€16,345,778
Total	€114,299,959

Enablers to expedite the plans have been fast tracked with for instance an accelerated approval process for the recruitment of the 608 staffing.

Hospital Groups and National Offices have prioritised the implementation of the initiatives which are currently in train.

Monitoring of the implementation of the plans is managed through the Hospital Groups, Community Health Organisations and relevant National Offices and will be collated through review in due course.

Draw down of funding by the CHOs and Hospital Groups for these prioritised Winter Plan initiatives is complex as the budgets are drawn from multiple sources with no Winter Plan 2022/23 specific allocation from Government.

Yours sincerely,



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