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PQ Number: 14298/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the amount spent on eating disorder services for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 inclusive – Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy XXXX,

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.

In January 2018, the HSE published a National Model of Care for Eating Disorders (MOC) in partnership with College of Psychiatrists' of Ireland and Bodywhys. In the absence of a pre-existing dedicated eating disorder infrastructure or strategy, this Model of Care document has been developed in order to guide the provision of high quality, accessible and value for money eating disorder services in Ireland. Key recommendations include the development of a national network of dedicated eating disorder teams embedded within the mental health service, a stepped model of outpatient, day patient and inpatient care provision based on clinical need, and the development of a skilled, trained workforce. In the context of the significant physical morbidity associated with eating disorders, this Model of Care also recommends a strong integration between primary care, mental health services and medical teams, including the bridging of the acute hospital and mental health service divide through mutual clinical commitments and shared pathways.

The NCPED aims to establish an ED network (8 adult teams and 8 CAMHS teams) in accordance with the agreed Model of Care 2018. These multidisciplinary teams provide specialist eating disorder assessment and treatment in the community and are the foundations of delivering quality eating disorder care across the stepped model of care.

Since 2016 over €8 million has been made available for Eating Disorder posts through programme for government funding. This has resulted in the set-up of 3 phases of regional Community Eating Disorder teams.

Phase 1 = CHO 4 (CAMHS), CHO 7 (CAMHS), CHO 6 (Adult).

Phase 2 = CHO4 (adult), CHO9 (adult) and CHO2 (CAMHS).

Phase 3 = CHO5 (Adult), CHO1 (Adult) and CHO 9 (CAMHS).

Phase 4 funding submitted for 2023 for 3 further teams.

Eating Disorders as at 20th March 2023

Eating Disorders	Full Budget	Remaining Budget	Filled WTE	Unfilled WTE	Total WTE
PFG 2016	1,641,470	54,773	20.30	0.60	20.90
PFG 2017	955,673	309,885	8.00	4.40	12.40
PFG 2018	1,502,359	601,573	12.00	4.30	16.30
PFG 2019	1,758,980	402,259	17.10	4.00	21.10
PFG 2022	2,256,426	1,958,000	4.20	21.40	25.60
TOTAL	8,114,909	3,326,490	61.60	34.70	96.30

Spend is tracked based on the year of funding.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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