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**PQ 25273/23** To ask the Minister for Health the average spend, per staff member in social work, on external supervision. -  
Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Following consultation with colleagues in the Community and Acute services, it has been advised that this information is not centrally collated and that the information would need to be sought from each individual social work department. The collation of this information from the local social work departments will impose a significant administrative burden on front line staff that are already under pressure and the current pause on Management Admin grades replacement and recruitment. In this regard, we are asking if the Deputy would refine the query and possibly identify a specific location that is of interest and that this can be followed up with the location identified.

I trust this clarifies and is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

**Marie O'Sullivan**  
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