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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the average spend, per staff member in mental health services, on external supervision – Thomas Gould**

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Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

Nationally, HSE National Mental Health do not collect this data as this is a very rare occurrence. Where there is no higher grade available to provide professional supervision, occasionally staff may request and be authorised for an external supervisor. However this is an arrangement with the appropriate Line Manager and usually sourced by the professional.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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