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PQ Number: 25439/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of employing a mental health liaison respectively, inclusive of salary and PRSI costs, as provided for in the HSE winter plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Liaison mental health teams are comprised of multidisciplinary team members. However, for the purposes of this PQ response, I have estimated the cost of a mental health liaison as a Consultant post as per the new Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 which came into effect as and from 08th March 2023. Please see table below.

Post	WTE Total	Salary Mid Point (Full)	On-call Allowances	Salary plus Allowances	Annual Salary	ER PRSI	Total Annual Pay	Non Pay	Cost per consultant	Total cost
	WTE	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Consultant	1	237,904	10,200	248,104	248,104	27,415	275,519	24,810	300,330	300,330

Further information on the Public Only Consultant Contract including salary scales and rates of pay can be found here: [HR Circular 008 2023 Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/hr/circulars/008-2023-public-only-consultant-contract-2023)

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'.

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