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**PQ 25442/23*To ask the Minister for Health the capital and current cost of establishing a ten-bed inpatient unit for eating disorders; 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.

The capital costs associated with any infrastructural project are subject to a number of project specific aspects such as location & site, availability & condition of services, availability & condition of access, topography, ground conditions etc. In addition associated accommodation requirements could have a significant impact on costs i.e. 10 No. in-patient beds will require associated support accommodation, and may not necessarily be constructed in isolation.

Given the aforementioned variables and the availability of cost data specific to in-patient accommodation associated with an eating disorder unit, it is unfortunately not possible to provide such specific costs.

Typical cost ranges for in-patient beds across community and acute services are €0.5m to €1m. This range is dependent on many variables and is also subject to external factors such as market conditions at the time of tendering etc.

Yours sincerely,

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