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PQ Numbers: 6162/24 and 6163/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to CAMHS as a percentage of the health budget for each of the years 2021 to 2024, in tabular form. -Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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.

Currently National Mental Health are not in a position to routinely report on expenditure or budget by service category. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (i.e. nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc.) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation. The Future Health Report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway and the IFMS project is currently in the detailed design phase. Until the IFMS system is fully implemented and operational, National Mental Health will not be in a position to report on expenditure by service category.

However, as part of preparation for a Joint Health Committee presentation in 2023, a significant manual exercise was completed around CAMHS budgets which indicates that the Mental Health CAMHS budget is 0.69% of the overall HSE budget. Please see table below.



Mental Health CAMHS budget 2022			
CHO	Four National CAMHS Units €m	All other CAMHS (primarily Community teams) €m	Total CAMHS €m
Total	23.88	113.09	136.97
			€m
Mental Health budget per NSP 2022			1,159
CAMHS budget as a % of overall Mental Health budget			11.82%
			€m
Overall HSE budget per NSP 2022			20,682
Covid funding			697
Overall HSE budget per NSP 2022 (excluding Covid)			19,985
CAMHS budget as a % of overall HSE budget (excluding Covid)			0.69%

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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