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Deputy Mark Ward
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 1400/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to Traveller primary care projects in each of the years 2019 to date; for breakdown of funding given to peer-led Traveller-specific mental health supports for the same period; 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.

Unfortunately the HSE do not collect data on funding given to peer-led Traveller-specific mental health supports on a routine basis. However, the below table gives a breakdown of dedicated Traveller health funding across the HSE for the years 2019-2023 inclusive, and is an approximation of allocated budget for Traveller Health based on number of exercises previously undertaken.

These figures were reviewed towards the end of 2023. Please note that the HSE Forsa industrial action has impacted our ability get more detailed breakdowns of the figures outlined below.

The recurring budget allocation for 2024 will remain the same as in 2023 but there is a once off allocation to be made to the National Traveller Counselling Service of €200,000 from the mental health budget in 2024.

Traveller Health Budget	2023	2022*	2021	2020	2019
Total Traveller Health Budget (inclusive of mental health)	12,838,555	11,157,263	9,586,968	9,670,906	9,103,477
Total mental health allocation	629,375	425,890	144,723	230,220	372,253

*2022 values based on actual spend as 2023 budget values not available due to Forsa industrial action



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Tony' being the most prominent.

Tony Mc Cusker
General Manager
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