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Deputy Colm Burke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to provide specific data to identify and track how funds allocated to children's mental health are spent and what the associated outcomes are for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

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 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. When the IFMS system is fully implemented, National Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure by service category.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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