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Deputy Cullinane,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the cost of ten additional early intervention in psychosis teams. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Early Intervention in Psychosis:

20 more EIP specialist services are required to provide national coverage for all people aged 14- 64 years old as per the EIP Model of Care at an estimated cost of €30M.

EIP Teams: A fully staffed EIP Specialist Team providing care to a population of 200,000 people aged 14- 64 years old will cost in the region of €1.6 million, €16M for 10 Teams. The costs will vary from urban to rural settings as the rates of psychosis are higher in urban settings, where there are more young people and where there are higher rates of socioeconomic deprivation. However, the HSE commissioned the development of a population based psychosis incidence model. This model was published in December 2022. This model allows us to predict the incidence of psychosis that would be expected in each community mental health team area in Ireland. This allows us to identify the areas of the highest need (i.e. highest predicted rates of psychosis). It also allows us to allocate resources according to actual need in each area to ensure services are neither under nor over resourced.

We require a minimum of 3 additional teams each year (€4.8M) to achieve national EIP roll out in line with National Policy- Sharing the Vision.

EIP Training and Education: A rolling ring-fenced budget to support mandatory training is required at an estimated cost of 20k/ year growing as more teams come on stream.

National Clinical Audit Psychosis: Each EIP Team participates in this International Clinical Audit. The Audit is conducted as a collaboration between Royal College of Psychiatrists and Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) in the UK. The audit standards are based on NICE guidelines for Early Intervention in Psychosis. The cost is estimated at €4k per team per year.

MDT Maternity leave cover: We have a young female mental healthcare workforce. Clinical programme core evidenced based interventions are delivered by these professionals. Maternity leaves are routinely not backfilled in the community setting. The results in evidence based interventions not being available to service users.

Capital Costs: Each team will also require funding for a team premise from which to work. Costs will vary but some capital funding must be allocated to these teams in addition to WTE funding to ensure teams have a place to work from and see service users and their families.

Programme Manager: This is a significant change programme and requires a full time programme manager in line with other clinical programmes across healthcare. Currently 0.3 WTE is allocated to the programme this needs to be increased to a full time post. Grade VIII €99,335.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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