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Deputy Holly Cairns,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health for an itemised breakdown of the cost of funding one adult eating disorder team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

In January 2018, the HSE published a National Model of Care for Eating Disorders (MOC) in partnership with College of Psychiatrists' of Ireland and Bodywhys. In the absence of a pre-existing dedicated eating disorder infrastructure or strategy, this Model of Care document has been developed in order to guide the provision of high quality, accessible and value for money eating disorder services in Ireland. Key recommendations include:

- The development of a national network of dedicated eating disorder teams embedded within the mental health service.
- A stepped model of outpatient, day patient and inpatient care provision based on clinical need.
- The development of a skilled, trained workforce.

The NCPED aims to establish an ED network (8 adult teams and 8 CAMHS teams) in accordance with the agreed Model of Care 2018. These consultant led multidisciplinary teams provide specialist eating disorder assessment and treatment in the community and are the foundations of delivering quality eating disorder care across the stepped model of care. Today (June 2024) there are 11 NCPED teams at various stages of development across the HSE 5 CAMHS and 6 Adult teams.

Below is the breakdown of costs by post based on current Model of Care of an adult Eating Disorders Team serving a population of 500,000. The current cost is just over 1.5M for a new team. This does not include capital costs to house a team in a suitable premises.

Post	WTE Total	Salary Mid Point (Full)	Allowances	Salary plus Allowances	Annual Salary (WTE)	Annual PRSI	Total Annual Pay	Non Pay	Total Budget
Adult Consultant	1.0	237,904	10,200	248,104	248,104	#####	275,519	24,810	300,330
BST / Senior Registrar	2.0	81,494		81,494	162,988	#####	180,998	16,299	197,297
Senior Dietitian	1.0	63,691		63,691	63,691	7,038	70,729	6,369	77,098
Senior Clinical Psychologist	1.0	96,778		96,778	96,778	#####	107,472	9,678	117,150
CNS	3.0	60,789	5,449	66,238	198,714	#####	220,672	19,871	240,543
Senior Social Worker	1.0	70,647		70,647	70,647	7,806	78,453	7,065	85,518
Clinical Team Coordinator	1.0	63,691		63,691	63,691	7,038	70,729	6,369	77,098
Consultant Physician	0.3	237,904	10,200	248,104	74,431	8,225	82,656	7,443	90,099
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.0	63,691		63,691	63,691	7,038	70,729	6,369	77,098
Grade IV	1.0	40,237		40,237	40,237	4,446	44,683	4,024	48,707
Grade III	1.0	34,813		34,813	34,813	3,847	38,660	3,481	42,141
Senior dietitian hosp	1.0	69,912		69,912	69,912	7,725	77,637	6,991	84,628
Creative therapist -(senior ot)	1.0	63,691		63,691	63,691	7,038	70,729	6,369	77,098
	15.3						1,389,667	125,139	1,514,805

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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