



Deputy Colm Brophy.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

21st November 2024

PQ Number: 45901/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to CAMHS in each of the years 2011 to 2025 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Brophy

Dear Deputy Brophy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in response to the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Mental Health CAMHS funding amounted to €159.2m for 2024 (as at September 2024) which equated to circa 12.2% of the overall Mental Health budget in 2024. Figures for 2022 and 2023 are outlined in the table below. In terms of the opening budget for CAMHS in 2025, the Letter of Determination (LOD) for 2025 has recently been received from the Department of Health. The HSE is now in the process of allocating budgets down to local service levels and as a result, the budgets for 2025 will not be available until this process has been completed.

The figures for 2022 to 2024 outlined in the table below, have been calculated using a manual exercise of data consolidation in conjunction with local service areas. Due to system restraints it was not possible to go as far back as 2011.

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Mental Health - CAMHS	2022	2023	2024
	€m	€m	€m
Mental Health CAMHS budget	137.0	148.9	159.2
Mental Health budget per published NSP	1,159.0	1,226.7	1,308.0
CAMHS budget as an % of overall MH budget	11.8%	12.1%	12.2%

Currently, HSE Mental Health services are not in a position to report on expenditure or budget by service category nationally from a single financial system. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donan Kelly', written over a horizontal line.

Donan Kelly

Access and Integration: HSE Child and Youth Mental Health Services