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**PQ**

**15699/25**

**PQ Question:**

To ask the Minister for Health the total spend by the HSE on independent and privately run mental health services, outside the Irish State, from 2020 to 2024, in tabular form. -Liam Quaide

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Dear Deputy Quaide

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 general, the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) provides for the funding of public patients referred to another

EU/EEA country, the UK or Switzerland for public healthcare which is not available in Ireland. In some instances, particularly in respect of specialist mental health services it is not always possible to source the treatment in the public system abroad. In such circumstances and on a strictly case by case basis the HSE will consider approving costs of healthcare in the private healthcare sector abroad and only where the patient would have been approved via TAS funding if the treatment was available in the public healthcare system abroad.

Hereunder are the total costs of treatment abroad funded via the TAS budget from 2018 to 2024, inclusive. These costs relate to healthcare accessed in the UK as you will appreciate that common language and communication are a significant element of mental healthcare delivery.

Year	Private Treatment Costs
2025	€2,561,560.10
2024	€12,967,338.67
2023	€6,661,344.99
2022	€4,402,943.46
2021	€4,434,753.31
2020	€706,964.67
Total	€31,734,905.20



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Tony McCusker**

**General Manager**

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