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PQ: 17361/25

To ask the Minister for Health if the full budget for new medicines was drawn down by the HSE in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 17361/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

PCRS funds drawn down:

2020 - None
2021 - €50m
2022 - €30m
2023 - €16.3m
2024 - €29m

PCRS reimbursement:

2020 - None
2021 - €34.4m
2022 - €9.35m
2023 - €18.13m
2024 - €23.09m

Acutes funds drawn down:

2020 – None

2021 - €2.7m

2022 - €1.11m

2023 - €1.70m

2024 - €1.00m

Please note there was no new drug budget allocation in 2020. Please be advised the PCRS do not have data on Acute spending.

The New Drug budget allocation is as follows:

New Drugs	PCRS Budget Allocation						Gross Reimbursement					
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
2020	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
2021	€ -	€ 50.00	€ 85.09	€ 85.09	€ 85.09	€ 305.27	€ 34.40	€ 34.40	€ 76.51	€ 91.57	€ 91.57	€ 328.45
2022	€ -	€ -	€ 30.00	€ 37.80	€ 37.80	€ 105.60	€ -	€ -	€ 9.35	€ 37.76	€ 37.76	€ 84.87
2023	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 16.30	€ 31.03	€ 47.33	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 18.13	€ 53.36	€ 71.49
2024	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 29.00	€ 29.00	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 23.09	€ 23.09
	€ -	€ 50.00	€ 115.09	€ 139.19	€ 182.92	€ 487.20	€ 34.40	€ 34.40	€ 85.86	€ 147.46	€ 205.78	€ 507.90
	Acutes Budget Allocation						Acutes Reimbursement					
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
2020	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
2021	€ 2.70	€ 2.70	€ 6.40	€ 6.40	€ 6.40	€ 24.60	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
2022	€ -	€ -	€ 1.11	€ 2.90	€ 2.90	€ 6.91	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
2023	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 1.70	€ 2.12	€ 3.82	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
2024	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 1.00	€ 1.00	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
	€ 2.70	€ 2.70	€ 7.51	€ 11.00	€ 12.42	€ 36.33	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -

Yours sincerely,

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