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Deputy Mark Ward,
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PQ Number: 2391/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the way the agreed savings outlined in the HSE National Service Plan 2025 will be taken from the mental health budget for 2025; if it will impact on service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

The agency savings outlined in the National Service Plan 2025 are targeted across a number of areas within Mental Health with agency expenditure.

As outlined in my response to your Parliamentary Question **2389/25**, NSP 2025 is focused on improving productivity. This is essential if the HSE is to maintain current service levels. This means that there is a need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of care and other processes so that more care can be provided safely for patients/service users via the same or less staffing hours. This must be done without reducing the quality of care for patients or over-burdening staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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