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Deputy Sorca Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 35446/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the annual operational cost of running a CAMHS inpatient unit; and the capital cost attached to opening a new one. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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. Please find annual operational cost of running a CAMHS inpatient unit.

Mental Health - CAMHS National inpatient units			
	2024 spend	Total bed's	Annual cost per bed (based on full occupancy)
CHO	€	€	
CHO 2	6,903,793	20	345,190
CHO 4	6,843,404	16	427,713
CHO 7	9,938,651	24	414,110
CHO 9	3,872,126	12	322,677
Total	27,557,975	72	382,750

Typical capita cost ranges for in-patient beds across community services range from €650k to €900k per bed. This range is dependent on many variables and is also subject to external factors such as market conditions at the time of tendering etc.

The capital costs associated with any infrastructural project are subject to a number of project specific aspects such as location & site, availability & condition of services, availability & condition of access, topography, ground conditions etc, new build or refurbishment etc. In addition associated accommodation requirements could have a significant impact on costs.



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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