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Deputy Sorca Clarke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 35515/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the cost per person of inpatient psychiatric care versus enhanced community based mental health care; and if transition modelling has been carried out. -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.

The annual cost per adult acute inpatient bed averages at €227k based on 2024 spend. In relation to community based Mental Health care, please note that at this time HSE National Mental Health are not in a position to report on expenditure or budget by service category for community services. 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 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,

Tony McCusker
General Manager
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