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Deputy Jen Cummins.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 36316/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health patients currently receiving treatment in facilities in the United Kingdom funded by the HSE; the length of time each patient has been receiving such treatment; the total cost of these arrangements over the past 12 months; the reasons patients continue to be treated outside the State and whether there are any plans or strategies to repatriate these patients to appropriate services in Ireland, including timelines and resource planning to facilitate this. -Jen Cummins

Dear Deputy Cummins

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. Information received from the treatment abroad scheme for the entire country.

Reasons for treatment outside the state.

The treatment required is not available in Ireland. Most if not all these patients are wards of court and were transferred to the UK on the basis of court orders or to avoid the necessity for a court order.

Plans to repatriate these patients including time lines.

For each patient who continues care past 12 months, an updated medical report is requested. The TAS then engages with the referring consultant with regard to the patient's progress, possibility of providing the care in Ireland and any plans for repatriation. This engagement reoccurs after every 12 month period for update.

Each of these patients are in private facilities in the UK as no public placements were available.



No of patients currently receiving treatment in UK.	The length of time each patient has been receiving Treatment	The total cost over the past 18 months.
7	PT 1 since 2019 PT 2 since 2020 PT 3 since 2020 PT 4 since 2020 PT 5 Since 2022 PT 6 since 2022 PT 7 since 2024	2024 €12,967,338 Jan-June 2025 €5,453,120.72

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony McCusker
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