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Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn
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To ask the Minister for Health the cost of outsourcing routine blood samples from Letterkenny University Hospital to private laboratories for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, in tabular form. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Since March 2024, 5.5% of the total GP workload is being outsourced, this is because the Pathology Department are unable to meet demand within existing space and they do not have the sufficient number of analysers to perform tests within routine working hours. LUH commenced outsourcing GP routine bloods in March 2024. Outsourcing has cost LUH €1.2 million from March 2024 to March 2025

Yours Sincerely,

Seán Murphy
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