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Deputy Sorca Clarke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 37669/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health given the annual €93 million outsourcing spend, if the HSE has considered that this money could be reallocated to expand internal staffing, training and retention, particularly for CAMHS, primary care psychology and multidisciplinary teams. -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 €93 million referred to is currently used to provide required treatment and placements to those patients who have been assessed as needing highly specialised services. These are services that the HSE cannot currently provide or cannot provide at lower cost than the contracted provider. The funding is therefore unavailable for reallocation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony McCusker
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