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PQ: 40322/25

To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on new medicines and new uses of existing medicines from January 2025 to 31 May 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 40322/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Funding amounting to €30m was approved in the 2025 Letter of Determination to support the approval of new drugs or for the approval of use for new licence indications of existing drugs.

The €30m funding will be sourced from HSE internally generated drug savings and efficiencies.

To date in 2025 the HSE has approved 13 new medicines/new uses of existing medicines to be funded from the savings. Any other 2025 approvals were on a budget neutral basis and not tracked.

The drugs are in the High Tech Arrangement (5), Oncology (3), Acute (4) and Community Demand-led drugs space. The Year 1 impact of these drugs is €10.84m (based on forecast commencement dates), while the 5-year investment on same was forecast at €71.96m.

The related 2025 YTD spend in PCRS is €0.65m while the four acute drugs are reported separate to PCRS while any drugs approved on a budget neutral basis are excluded.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle Primary Care Reimbursement Service

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