



Deputy Sorca Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ Number: 41757/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of expenditure on perinatal mental health services in each RHA in the past five years and to date in 2025. -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 *Model of Care for Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services* (2017) provides for the development of a national network of services, including six hub sites and thirteen spoke sites which are now in operation. In line with this Model of Care, the development of a specialist Mother and Baby Unit (MBU) on the campus of St Vincent's University Hospital is being progressed.

Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services are implemented nationally across all Regional Health Areas (RHAs). As RHAs only came into effect in 2024, expenditure prior to this was not reported on an RHA basis. Expenditure is recorded at national programme level, and the figures below therefore reflect the national allocation.

The national allocation for Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services for each of the years 2020 to 2024 is set out below. The financial outturn for 2025 is not yet available.

Year	National programme allocation (€)
2020	3,558,000
2021	3,558,000
2022	3,558,000
2023	3,558,000
2024	3,558,000

Note: The recurring allocation reflects earlier budget decisions of €1.068m in 2017, €1.956m in 2018, and €0.534m in 2019, giving a total base allocation of €3.558m from 2019 onward. Final costs will vary depending on discipline, grade and pay awards which occur on a regular basis.



I trust this information is of assistance to you

Yours Sincerely,

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