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Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering the 20 new eating disorder beds. –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.

Capital Costs - Inpatient beds: The capital costs associated with any infrastructural project are subject to a number of project specific aspects such as location and site, availability and condition of services, availability and condition of access, topography, ground conditions, new build or refurbishment etc. In addition associated accommodation requirements could have a significant impact on costs i.e. 10 in-patient beds will require associated support accommodation, and may not necessarily be constructed in isolation. Given the aforementioned variables and the availability of cost data specific to in-patient accommodation associated with an eating disorder unit, it is unfortunately not possible to provide such specific costs.

Staffing - The staffing numbers and multi-disciplinary skill mix will be determined by the number of beds and international best practice. All staff recruited will be aligned with NCPED education and training programme and will be skilled in evidence based interventions. Staff recommended for the inpatient unit may rotate through all levels of this stepped care approach. Staffing cost vary depending on discipline and grade and pay awards which occur on a regular basis. It is unfortunately not possible to provide such specific costs at this point.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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