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Deputy Liam Quaide. Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

PQ Number: 11161/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the €1.48 billion committed to in Budget 2025 for mental health that is dedicated specifically to those under 18 years of age and

related child mental health services. -Liam Quaide

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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.

Currently, National Mental Health are not in a position to routinely report on expenditure or budget by service category. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (i.e. nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc.) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation.

The Future Health report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway and the IFMS project is currently being rolled out across HSE statutory services during 2025.

Until the IFMS system is fully implemented and operational, National Mental Health will not be in a position to report on expenditure by service category.

However, as part of preparation for a Joint Health Committee presentation in 2023, a significant manual exercise was completed around CAMHS budgets which indicates that the Mental Health CAMHS budget at January 2025 is €180.7m or 12.4% of the overall HSE Mental Health budget of €1,458.4m as per national service plan 2025.

Yours Sincerely,

**General Manager – Policy Implementation Access and Integration Mental Health Operations**