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Deputy Maria Sherlock.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health how much money has been spent by the HSE on the treatment of eating disorders in the United Kingdom from the years 2018 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Marie Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock

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.

Most people can and do recover from eating disorders if they receive effective, evidence-based treatment from eating disorder (ED)-trained staff. While a small number of people benefit from more intensive treatment through day programmes or inpatient care, the most effective treatment setting is in the community. The HSE's core focus is on developing regional community-based specialist ED services provided by skilled multidisciplinary teams.

The roll-out of the Model of Care for the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (NCP-ED) continues to be prioritised by the HSE. Dedicated investment in eating disorders continues in 2025 with an additional €2.4 Million, and the HSE currently spends over €8 million annually on eating disorder services under the Clinical Programme.

Year	Approved Patients	Total Costs
2024		€4,923,633
2023		€4,687,978
2022		€3,187,475
2021		€321,939
2020		€977,078
2019		€804,352
2018		€176,131
Total	20	€15,078,586



Please see above TAS spend 2018 to 2024. Please note we cannot provide number of patients per year as the number is fewer than five per year

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony McCusker

General Manager

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