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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the current and capital cost of ten eating disorder inpatient beds, in tabular form. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Having liaised with the HSE Office of the National Director Capital & Estates, I am advised as follows:

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.

Typical cost ranges for in-patient beds across community services range from €650k to €900k per bed. This range is dependent on many variables and is also subject to external factors such as market conditions at the time of tendering etc.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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