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Deputy Peter Burke. Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the case of mental health in our communities in a post pandemic era and consider the funding requirements which will be required for future services to address the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peter Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

Mental Health received €24m under Programme for Government 2022 funding. As outlined in the table below (from HSE National Service plan), the full year cost of these initiatives amounts to €36.36m in 2023 which will be funded in 2023. None of these developments outlined in the table below, relate to the reclassification of historic development and all relate to new developments, which will be progressed in 2022. It should be noted that the first elements of this funding were not drawn down until 1st January 2022 and subsequent budget drawdowns will occur during 2022 according as these are progressed.

Mental Health - Developments 2022		2022 cost	2023 FY cost
	WTE	€m	€m
National Clinical Programme - Eating Disorders	28	1.15	2.3
National Clinical Programme - ADHD	18	1.13	1.8
National Clinical Programme – Early Intervention Psychosis	12.6	0.5	1.0
National Clinical Programme – Self Harm	6	0.32	0.42
National Clinical Programme – Dual Diagnosis	12	0.75	1
MoC Specialist MH Services for Older People	10.5	0.56	1.13
CAMHS Hubs	9	0.64	1.15
Sharing the Vision Implementation	0	0.25	0.25
Clonmel Crisis House	6	0.35	0.35
Crisis Resolution Services	27	1.43	2.85
Expanding community services	100	4	8
Expansion CAMHS services	50	2	4
Individual Placement Supports	34.5	1.25	1.25



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Recovery Colleges	0	1.05	1.05
Peer Support	13	0.4	0.6
CAMS training (suicide prevention)	0	0.22	0.22
NFMHS - removal of Night-time confinement	30	1	2
Private Placements	0	5	5
Rent and costs	0	2	2
Total	357	24.0	36.36

In addition, following an announcement by Minister Butler in December, a fund of €1m is currently being administered by Mental Health Ireland to provide once-off grants to voluntary and community organisations to provide additional mental health supports based on local need across the country. A further €1m has been allocated to MyMind to provide counselling to priority groups. In Q2 of 2022, a once-off fund of €5.5m will be allocated through CHOs to provide additional psychosocial supports to communities and to priority groups.

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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