



30th May 2023

Deputy Jennifer Whitmore, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 23284/23

To ask the Minister for Health the spend on homeless services by his Department and agencies under his remit for each year since 2013; the estimated projected spend for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

As the Deputy is aware the majority of health services and supports in the area of Homelessness are contracted through the Community/Voluntary Sector via Section 39 funding. Below is outlined the amount of funding provided by the HSE attributed to Homelessness in 2013 - 2022 and year to date spend (as of the end of March '23) as incurred in respect of homelessness services.

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
€33m	€29.9m ¹	€30.9m	€31.5m	€32.6m	€36m	€36m	€36m	€45m ²	€50m ³	€7.1m ⁴

In addition to services provided by HSE Social Inclusion, other Areas of the HSE provide services in relation to homeless supports including Acute Hospital Services and Emergency Departments, Mental Health, Primary Care Services and GPs providing front line services and attributed budgets are not available.

¹ Figure for 2014 includes €3.3m transferred to Tusla for domestic refugees

² Figure for 2021 includes €8m spent on Covid-19 funding

³ Figure for 2022 includes €9m spent on COVID 19 funding

⁴ Figure for end of March 2023 year to date spend as incurred in respect of homelessness services



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Doyle
National Lead, Social Inclusion