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\* To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE funds emergency accommodation services; if so, the details and the amount of funding provided to each of these services for the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and if persons resident in HSE funded accommodation are included in the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government's PASS data that forms the basis of the official monthly homelessness data report.

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

The Health Service Executive has 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 2015 and 2016 and allocated in 2017:

**HSE Homeless Funding 2015 / 2017**

**Homeless Funding 2015: €30,906,637**

**Homeless Funding 2016: €31,539,472**

**Homeless Funding 2017: €32,630,830 (Allocation)**

Note: the above does not include a range of general health services which homeless persons avail of including: acute hospital inpatient/outpatient services; Primary Care services, HSE addiction and mental health services etc.

The official monthly homelessness data reports, as published by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government are provided by the Lead Local Authority in each Region using the Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS), the single integrated national data information system on State-funded emergency accommodation arrangements overseen by housing authorities. It is the HSE's understanding that the PASS System does not capture details of individuals utilising HSE only funded homeless accommodation.

For the Deputy's information, the majority of HSE homeless Section 39 funded services also receive Section 10 funding which would ensure that these individuals are registered as homeless on PASS.

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Joseph Doyle  
National Planning Specialist