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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 29887 22: *To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to the development of alternative care pathways in 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the amount spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - 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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Specific Funding for Alternative Care Pathways was initially separately identified in the 2021 National Service Plan as part of the funding for New Measures in 2021. The funding and spend information you have requested is provided below and also in Appendix 1 Table 1.

2021:

- €33m recurring funding allocated
- €10.228m spent in Acute Hospital Care

2022:

- €12.5m additional recurring funding allocated
- 2022 spend figures not yet available

As stated in the HSE National Service Plan, the priorities for acute hospital service delivery for 2021 and onwards are strongly focused on enhancing acute services and working towards alternative pathways of care that reduce the need to attend Emergency Departments (EDs) or be admitted to the hospital. Acute services will work in an integrated way with community services to enable developments in community and primary care which support people at home or as close to home as possible. Continued investment in community care is enabling patients to access appropriate care on a timely basis and will reduce the requirement for patients to present to EDs.

One of the overarching priority areas for Acute Hospital Services is to support the delivery of the National Ambulance Service alternative care pathways project in order to reduce pressure on acute hospitals. The continued implementation of new and alternative pathways of care will provide patients with the right care in the right place at the right time.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 to PQ 29887 22

Table 1

Alternative Care Pathways funding & spend	2021 €m	2022 €m
Funding allocated	33.000	45.500*
Spend	10.228	**
<i>* Being 2021 Funding plus additional €12.5m recurring funding</i>		
<i>** Not yet available</i>		