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Mr. John McGuinness TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 51883/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the drugs taskforce for the South East is operating with a full compliment of staff; the level of funding allocated to the project for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

From the HSE perspective there are 2.5 WTE Drugs Task Force posts which are currently filled:

The level of funding allocated to the project for each of the past five years is as follows:

2019 - €1,115,760  
2020- €1,135,760 + €20,000 COVID payment = €1,155,760  
2021- €1,075,760  
2022- €1,165,760  
2023- €1,075,760

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Marie Lanigan', written over a horizontal line.

**Anna Marie Lanigan,  
Head of Service Primary Care/Assistant National Director  
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