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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there is a funding reduction of approximately €900,000 for Jigsaw this year and why; if this will lead to a reduction in services and to provide clarity on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward

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.

Jigsaw is funded by the HSE to provide youth mental health services for those with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. They provide face-to-face, online and phone based services to young people aged between 12 to 25 years old while working with communities to resource and support parents and other adults who work with young people.

Funding for Jigsaw 2023

Recurring Funding €11,689,000.00

There was a once of payment made in 2023 made up of €400k in relation to inflation and €600k in to address the deficit in Jigsaw. The was €1m in total bringing the total funding to €12,689,000 from the National Office – Mental Health Community Operations.

Funding for Jigsaw 2024

Recurring Funding €12,494,446.00

You will note that recurring Funding in 2023 into 2024 highlights an increase of &805,446.00, which is broken down into &139,546 - non pay inflation, &500k to address Jigsaw deficit, &165,900 - an interim payment regarding the WRC agreement regarding S39 pay. There is currently an exercise to determine the full entitlement of the WRC agreement and this will finalised in the next weeks. This amount will be recurring funding going forward.



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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