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Deputy Colm Burke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, on the costs of accommodating people in mental health community residences in each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

Currently, HSE Mental Health Services are not in a position to report on expenditure and budget by service category. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (i.e. nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc.) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation. The Future Health Report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway. When the IFMS system is fully implemented, Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure and budget by service category.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Mc Cusker General Manager

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