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Deputy Colm Burke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 56624/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will create a ring-fenced budget for children's mental health; 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.

The Letter of Determination (LoD) was formally issued by the DoH to the HSE Board on 28th November 2023. Based on the level of funding outlined in the LoD, the HSE Board prepared and approved the National Service Plan (NSP) for 2024. The NSP was subsequently submitted to the Minister for Health on 20th December. Currently, the NSP is under review by the Minister for Health and may be subject to change and further amendment.

Currently the NSP finance chapter shows the overall HSE budget broken down to individual care group level, the finance chapter therefore outlines the Mental Health budget in totality including CAMHS however the creation of a ring-fenced budget for children's mental health is matter for the Minister of Health to determine.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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