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Deputy Colm Burke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 56625/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that expenditure on children's mental health is made more visible and transparent, including in the annual health budget and via the HSE's National Service Plan; 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 and published on the 14th February 2024.

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.

At this time, HSE Mental Health are not in a position to report on expenditure or budget by service category nationally. 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 and the IFMS project is currently in the detailed design phase. When the IFMS system is fully implemented, National Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure by service category.



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Hennessy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sarah Hennessy
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