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Mr. David Cullinane T.D.
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RE: PQ 30370/24

To ask the Minister for Health the cost of funding trainee counselling and educational psychology posts on the same basis as trainee clinical psychologists.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and set out below the details.

Table 1: Cost of funding trainee counselling and educational psychology posts on the same basis as trainee clinical psychologists.

Psychology Programme	Intake 2024	Fee (HSE 60% contribution)	Total Fee per 3 years of programme	Trainee psychologists salary per year €57,684*	Trainee psychologists salary per 3 years of programme	Total cost of Fees and Salaries per year	Total cost of Fees and Salaries per 3 years of programme
Counselling	10	9,362(60%) 93,620	280,860	576,840	1,730,520	670,460	2,011,380
Educational	17	6,918 (60%) 117,606	352,818	980,628	2,941,884	1,098,234	<u>3,294,702</u>

* Midpoint of salary scale

Yours sincerely,

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