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**Deputy David Cullinane
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To ask the Minister for Health the annual all-in cost of an acute inpatient bed.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 been advised that based on costings of 2022 data, the annual cost of an acute inpatient bed is €438,730 average. This information is provided by the HSE's healthcare Pricing Office (HPO).

This figure represents the in-patient cost of a hospital bed including costs associated with:

- Clinical staffing
- Theatres
- Laboratories
- Non-clinical staffing
- Cleaning, maintenance and other running costs

It is a 'fully-absorbed' cost which means it includes all treatment and care costs (such as diagnostics, theatres etc.) as well as running costs such as heating and lighting, servicing equipment etc. but excludes capital and depreciation. It does not include other associated hospital costs such as day case, outpatient and emergency department costs.

This cost is a national average across all nights, all hospitals and all types of inpatient cases from the most routine to the most complex.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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