



Clár Sláinte Náisiúnta do Mhná & do Naíonáin
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Aonad 7A, Áras
Dargan, An Ceantar Theas, Baile Átha Cliath 8
T: 076 695 9991

National Women and Infants Health Programme
Health Service Executive, Unit 7A, The Dargan Building,
Heuston South Quarter, Dublin 8
T: 076 695 9991

19th November 2024

Deputy Crowe,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2

PQ 44155/24: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated total full-year cost to the Exchequer to fund one sexual assault treatment unit under the HSE.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to respond directly to you regarding the Parliamentary Question submitted to the Minister for Health. I have reviewed the matter, and the following outlines the current position.

In 2018, the Department of Health commissioned a Policy Review of the National Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) Service. This comprehensive review culminated in a report published in March 2019. At that time, SATUs collectively reported funding of €2.1 million. A key recommendation of the Policy Review was the need for increased and ring-fenced funding for SATUs nationally to enhance service delivery.

In response to these findings, the Department of Health allocated an additional €0.55 million in 2019 to the National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) to implement the recommended actions. This funding supported investment in new posts across the six SATUs, facilitating the introduction of a blended day-time staffing model.

Further progress was made in 2022, with an additional allocation of €0.25 million to complete the full implementation of the Policy Review recommendations. This brought the total base funding for SATU services to €2.9 million.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Kind regards,

Davinia O'Donnell, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme