



**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Deputy Colm Brophy  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**PQ Number: 45923/24- Deputy Colm Brophy- To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of extending virtual wards to ten more hospitals.**

Dear Deputy Brophy,

Thank you for your representation.

Two 25 bedded virtual wards went live in July 2024 each with an ability to scale to 40 beds. The estimated full year costs for a virtual ward is €1,877,900.00. Any scale up and expansion will be based on a robust cost evaluation analysis.

Please find the breakdown below for your own information.

2025 Staffing Cost Per Site			
Position	Grade Code	WTE	2025 Pay Costs
CNM 3	233X	1	€104,792.16
CNM 2	2119	1	€94,010.79
CNM 1	2127	6	€563,837.43
Staff Nurse	2135	6	€439,801.95
Grade V	566	1	€69,992.15
ANP	2267	2	€206,173.14
Total Pay Cost Per Year*		17	€1,478,607.62
Total Non Pay Cost Per Year			€399,330.00
Overall Cost per site (pay +non-pay)			€1,877,937.62



I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Deirdre McNamara'.

Deirdre McNamara  
Director of Strategic Programmes