



13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Deputy Colm Brophy  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re: 45950/24 & 45951/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing funding to addiction services by 10% (45950), and the estimated cost of increasing funding to community drug services by 10% (45951).**

Dear Deputy Brophy,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Resource allocation for 2024 is now calculated on the basis of quarter 1 projections, therefore, in this instance, the best estimate of projected spend and allocation will be in accordance with the Financial Control Limits (FCL) imposed on Social Inclusion for 2024.

The projected spend for 2024, based on the specific target group of Addiction is €138m, this encompasses community drug services as they fall under Addiction services, and is the best available information at this point in time.

Cost of increasing funding to addiction services (including community drug services) by 10%: **€13.8m**

For the Deputy's information, note that where the funding covered more than one target group under the area of Social Inclusion, 'best fit' was applied, and expenditure aligned to one specific area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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National Lead, Social Inclusion

