



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Àras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,
Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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21st October 2024

Deputy Jim o'Callaghan,
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Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 39871/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of rolling out personalised budgets nationally, including a brokerage model.

HSE Response

The pilot Personalised Budget Project is open to adults with a disability who are currently in receipt of HSE funded services across a broad spectrum of services, including day services, residential services and respite services. It provides participants with more control in accessing health funded personal social services, giving each participant on the Pilot Personalised Budget Project greater independence and choice in accessing services which best meet their individual needs.

The pilot Personalised Budget Project is currently in its demonstration phase. 127 persons are participating in the project at various stages by either establishing a person managed fund where they are managing the service themselves or by entering into a co-managed arrangement with a current service provider.

An extension to the demonstrator project was granted by Minister Rabbitte, which saw the project extend to Q3 2023 for admission to the demonstrator project, with the final evaluation due to commence in Q4 2024.

This extension facilitated additional participation and allows time for a robust evaluation to be completed.



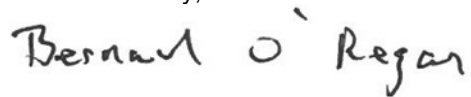
Costs

The current aim is to complete the Personalised Budgets pilot and its evaluation, in line with recommendation of Task Force on Personalised Budgets.

It is currently predicated that 8% of adults in receipt of disability funded specialist services would opt for a Personalised Budget. This would indicate that circa 3,000 disabled people would be interested in establishing a Personalised Budget.

The estimated full year cost for this would be approximately €1,877,866.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard O'Regan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bernard O'Regan
Assistant National Director
National Disability Team

