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To ask the Minister for Health to provide the estimated full year running cost of an injury unit; and the average capital cost required. -Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

The full year running cost of an Injury Unit is variable, and dependent on the service provision and location, i.e. whether it is located as part of an overarching service such as that of a model 2 hospital or if it is a standalone service. The HSE HealthCare Pricing office can advise that, as per the latest finalised costs, the official average cost of an IU attendance for 2022 was €194.

With reference to the capital costs also, It should be noted that a large number of factors have a bearing on the cost and development timeframes for the provision of Injury Units. These include such considerations as to whether the project is an entirely new construction or includes some element of refurbishment; the extent of enabling, decant and site preparation works; extent of Infection Prevention Control measures; scope of development and economies of scale; site specific considerations including planning conditions; and the scope of related ancillary upgrade of refurbishment works and diagnostic requirements necessary to the successful operation of the units provided.

In the context of the above, current external factors such as inflation rates, supply chain issues & availability of resources, can also influence the capital costs of projects.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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