

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide the following details in relation to the rehabilitation services provided by Health and Community Services –

- (a) the overall cost of providing rehabilitation services at Samares Ward in each year from 2015 to 2019 inclusive;
- (b) a full breakdown of all staffing costs for Samares Ward for each year from 2015 to 2019 inclusive;
- (c) the overall cost (estimated, if details are not available) of providing a rehabilitation service based at Plémont Ward for the period from 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021;
- (d) a full breakdown of the staffing costs (estimated, if details are not available) to provide a rehabilitation service on Plémont Ward between 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021;
- (e) who made the decision to close Samarès Ward at Overdale, and when that decision was made; and
- (f) who was consulted prior to any decision to close Samares Ward at Overdale.

Answer

- (a) & (b)

SAMARES WARD RUNNING COSTS 2015 TO 2019

| Expenditure Type | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ward Clerk | £23,773 | £31,692 | £25,893 | £29,529 | £35,355 |
| Registered Nurses | £890,800 | £925,167 | £967,768 | £967,210 | £1,013,468 |
| HealthCare Assistants | £420,706 | £428,500 | £510,245 | £584,690 | £715,370 |
| Medical Staffing | £24,868 | £26,355 | £36,457 | £50,956 | £42,632 |
| Therapy Staffing | £449,552 | £458,543 | £467,714 | £477,068 | £481,839 |
| Total Staff Expenditure | £1,809,699 | £1,870,258 | £2,008,078 | £2,109,454 | £2,288,663 |
| Administrative Expenses | £4,436 | £2,559 | £4,163 | £4,280 | £4,500 |
| Clinical supplies | £15,898 | £19,801 | £19,889 | £16,125 | £18,872 |
| Drugs & Vaccinations | £38,490 | £31,455 | £37,976 | £33,549 | £45,445 |
| Premises & Maintenance | £2,400 | £17,989 | £1,899 | £1,862 | £437 |
| Supplies and Services | £22,895 | £14,209 | £20,028 | £25,480 | £25,022 |
| Total Non Staff Expenditure | £84,119 | £86,012 | £83,955 | £81,296 | £94,276 |
| Income | -£16,480 | -£16,000 | -£656 | -£61 | £0 |
| Total Income | -£16,480 | -£16,000 | -£656 | -£61 | £0 |
| Total Expenditure | £1,877,339 | £1,940,270 | £2,091,378 | £2,190,689 | £2,382,939 |

(c) & (d)

PLEMONT WARD RUNNING COSTS JUNE 2020 TO MAY 2021

| Expenditure Type | June 2020 to May 2021 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ward Clerk | £24,530 |
| Registered Nurses | £916,491 |
| HealthCare Assistants | £697,531 |
| Medical Staffing | £40,043 |
| Therapy Staffing | £502,991 |
| Total Staff Expenditure | £2,181,586 |
| Administrative Expenses | £3,168 |
| Clinical supplies | £12,798 |
| Drugs & Vaccinations | £21,672 |
| Premises & Maintenance | £279 |
| Supplies and Services | £8,308 |
| Total Non Staff Expenditure | £46,225 |
| Income | £0 |
| Total Income | £0 |
| Total Expenditure | £2,227,811 |

(e) The decision to close the Samarès ward was a clinically-led decision in response to the Pandemic.

(f) There was a requirement to centralise the nursing and medical staff to the General Hospital in preparation for the anticipated admissions relating to the Pandemic. In addition, all medically fit patients were discharged from hospital to reduce their risk of catching Covid-19. Given the pressure to prepare, based on the initial modelling we were presented with, there was no time for an extensive consultation beyond the clinical teams. However, all staff and existing patients and their relatives were spoken to at that time, explaining the rationale for the ward closure as a result of the Pandemic.