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To ask the Minister for Health if there is an estimated cost of works recommended to be carried out at the DOP, Kilkenny following the recommendations made by the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment report.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The SECH Mental Health Service welcomes the publication of the report of the "European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment Report 2020".

I can confirm that to date the SECH Mental Health Service in 2019 and 2020 have funded restorative and refurbishment works (including anti ligature mitigation measures) to the cost of 1.2M Euros.

In addition the SECH Mental Health Service have provided additional staffing resources to the Department of Psychiatry to assist with the general upkeep of the outside areas identified in the European Committee Report.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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