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Deputy Billy Kelleher
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PQ 53865/17

* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the guidelines and strategic statement on hidden harm.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The Strategic Statement on Hidden Harm has been completed and a Practice Guideline for practitioners (i.e. addiction and TUSLA social work staff) is being finalised for an anticipated joint launch of both documents in Q1 2018.

In addition, a joint training programme and a Train the Trainers Programme on Hidden Harm for HSE Addiction and Tusla staff will be developed in collaboration with Tusla and delivered in three practice sites (CHO 1, 7 and 8) during 2018.

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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