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PQ 49783/19

To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an investigation into the way in which sensitive files at a location were found beneath a bed and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 that matter and the following is the position:

I can confirm that a full investigation was conducted by the HSE in relation to an alleged breach of Data Protection in CAMHS North Wexford in August 2016. This investigation was carried out in accordance with the HSE Disciplinary Procedure for Employees. In addition I can confirm that the investigation was concluded and that all recommendations provided for within the report have been implemented.

I trust that this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan".

David Heffernan
Head of Mental Health Services
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