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PQ 50336/19: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the HSE review of the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce – Mary Lou McDonald

Dear Deputy McDonald,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

HSE Dublin North City & County (DNCC) Addiction Team commissioned a strategic review of funded drug and alcohol services in the North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force catchment area in 2018. The Review essentially assessed the impact of each of the frontline services commissioned by HSE DNCC Addiction Team under service level agreements, and the contribution each made to addressing problematic drug and alcohol use in the area.

The draft review made a series of recommendations to re-configure the service mix, seek improved governance compliance and increase the impact of frontline services regarding health outcomes in line with HSE and Government policies. The draft review recommendations were discussed with the individual services but the draft review was not published. The draft review document has been extremely useful for HSE in relation to assessing the impact of each service on the population health within the North Inner City catchment and for service planning into the future. To date the author has not published the review and therefore we cannot provide a draft document.

During 2019, HSE Dublin North City & County Addiction Team has been providing service development guidance to North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force and constituent service providers in advance of the preparation of the 2020 service agreements with the use of the draft review document.

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

Yours sincerely

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