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PQ 29502/19

To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken by the psychiatric department at University Hospital Waterford to address concerns raised by the Mental Health Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

I can confirm that Waterford/Wexford Mental Health Services continue to engage with the Mental Health Commission (MHC) and takes very seriously any concerns raised by them. Correspondence received from the MHC are reviewed by the Quality & Patient Safety Committee who meet on a monthly basis. Corrective and Preventative Actions plans are in place and are continuously updated. These action plans are returned to the MHC as per their requirements. The Quality & Patient Safety Committees are made up of representatives from each discipline working in the approved centres and is chaired by the Service Manager.

Should you require any further information in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhan Turner'.

Siobhan Turner
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