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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the implementation by the HSE of sexual health promotion training for professionals in the youth sector, those working with at risk groups, and for parents.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

In Quarter 1 2019, the Sexual Health Crisis Pregnancy Programme launched its Sexual Health Promotion Training Strategy, which supports the up-skilling of a diverse range of professionals, to promote the development and expression of healthy sexuality among those they work with. The strategy is relevant to professionals who work with the general population and those who have a specific focus on at-risk and vulnerable groups.

<https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/training-strategy-final.pdf>

Key actions that are currently being delivered as part of this strategy include:

- Continuing roll-out of the positively evaluated HSE led Foundation Programme in Sexual health Promotion, which sets out to develop professional's capacity to integrate sexual health into their practice <https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/foundation-programme-final.pdf>
- In partnership with Tusla, developing an online support tool for social workers and social care workers and foster parents in relation to the provision of sexual health support to young people in care and after care. This was informed by the SENYPIC programme of research <https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/senypic-report-6-final.pdf>
- Support the upskilling of youthwork professionals to incorporate sexual health into their work through the funding of programmes by Foróige and the NYCI <https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/training/working-with-young-people/>
- Funding the National Parents' Council and the IFPA to deliver RSE related training to parents/ staff working in a carer capacity <https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/training/parents/>



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Yours Sincerely,

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