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Deputy James Browne TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

PQ 21358/19 Question: To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of the remuneration and reimbursement scheme; if the scheme will reopen to new applicants; if so, when the scheme will reopen; the number availing of the scheme by CHO; if there is a waiting list for new applicants; if so, the number on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

The HSE is committed to the recovery approach and working with service users, family members and carers. We are also committed to a co-production model in service improvement design, delivery and evaluation of MH services as set out in the 'National Framework for Recovery 2018-2020. Since 2015 the HSE has used the Reimbursement and Remuneration scheme to support this co-production work. However the scheme is no longer fit for purpose in light of the success of mental health engagement work and the subsequent growth in numbers participating since the scheme was initiated. Therefore, the current remuneration and reimbursement scheme is being stood down and will be replaced over the coming months by a more formalised apparatus to improve service user, family member and carer engagement and the recognition of same. There is work on-going at the moment to develop this.

The number of people participating in the scheme per CHO are outlined below.

CHO1 – 44  
CHO2 – 80  
CHO3 – 37  
CHO4 – 23  
CHO5 – 38



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CHO6 – 11  
CHO7 – 41  
CHO8 – 28  
CHO9 – 20  
NFMHS – 3

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

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Dr Sinead Reynolds  
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