



Deputy Louise O Reilly,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

31st May 2019

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To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be forthcoming to roll out social prescribing across the health service in view of the successes of social prescribing in counties Donegal, Waterford and Dublin 8 - Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O Reilly ,

At present there is no formal policy or plan for DOH/HSE funding to support the roll out of social prescribing. However, the HSE is interested in the potential of social prescribing to contribute to the health and wellbeing of people in communities across Ireland. To this end, work is underway within the HSE to strengthen the evidence base for social prescribing, working closely with the Research Services and Policy Unit of the DOH.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fergal Fox".

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