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Deputy Bernard Durkan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which counselling services through Tusla can be expanded and made more readily available; if training courses for such counsellors are being provided; if so, the extent to which they are provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Bernard J. Durkan

Dear Deputy Durkan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position. Counselling services provided directly by TUSLA fall under the remit of the Department of Children & Youth Affairs/ TUSLA and do not come under the purview of the HSE.

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 that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh,
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