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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE PQ 45879/19: To ask the Minister for Health if reports will be addressed in relation to the fact that front line community based addiction services are considering winding down their services due to the lack of funding in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outline the position as follows.

I can confirm that there are no plans to wind down front line community addiction services in Louth and Meath. There has been no reduction in the funding allocation to addiction services in 2019. The HSE will review any proposals it receives from funded agencies including the task force and will allocate additional funding if it becomes available.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation