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PQ 48765/19

To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to ensure that the findings of the Inspector of Mental Health Services Report on Waterford Department of Psychiatry published in October 2019 are acted upon.

Dear Deputy Butler

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

South East Community Health Care (SECH) Mental Health Services are currently working with Mental Health Commission (MHC) in relation to all matters of Compliance. SECH MHS Management Team met with the MHC in the Department of Psychiatry, University Hospital Waterford on 14th November 2019 in relation to the ongoing process with regard to registration for Department of Psychiatry at University Hospital Waterford. At this meeting the MHC acknowledged significant improvements in relation to all areas of compliance.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan".

David Heffernan
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