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'To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Labre Park Traveller halting site is one of the few Traveller communities that is not covered by a primary health care team (details supplied); if he will take steps to ensure that the funding of a primary health care team for Travellers living in Labre Park and the wider Ballyfermot and Dublin 10 area is included in the HSE 2020 budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter'
-Gino Kenny

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There has been no investment in Traveller Health Primary Care Teams since 2008 as there was no development funding available.

The Health Service Executive has commenced the planning process for the costing's to implement the National Traveller Health Action Plan (2019-2024). This process will look at incorporating any gaps that have been identified. Labre Park has been identified as an area for consideration for service development and while any work that is required will be resource dependent we will endeavour to focus capital spending on areas of high risk.

Since 2018 the Health Service Executive has funded the Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership, a .5 post to look at the health care needs of the Traveller community in Labre Park. It is expected that a needs analysis will inform the planning process in 2020.

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

Yours sincerely,

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