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Deputy Niamh Smyth, T.D.,  
Adelaide Road,  
Bailieborough,  
Co Cavan.

**Re: PQ 42660/19**

**Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer for Cavan and Monaghan**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the hours and finance being made available for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Dear Deputy Smyth,**

The National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) entered into a Service Level Agreement with Pieta House for the employment of a Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer for the Cavan Monaghan area.

The position was filled in July 2019 at 24 hours per week, as per funding provided.

The HSE funded Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service operated by Pieta House Service have employed a Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer [ SBLO] who works 24 hours per week for the area. The appointed SBLO commenced in this role at the start of July and is providing much needed support to people struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one through suicide.

I trust this information if of assistance to you, however if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact my office

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Patrick Murray,**  
**Head of HR, CHO 1**