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Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 17855/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the extension of counselling provided by private providers through general practitioner primary care referral since the adoption of Sláintecare; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-David Cullinane**

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

This question is outside of the HSE's remit to answer as records relating to counselling provided by private providers are not accessible to the HSE.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Siobhán McArdle'.

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Siobhán McArdle,  
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