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Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number 35638/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of sport organisations which have received mental health first aid training; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 the following outlines the position.

Mental Health First Aid Ireland, through the funding from the HSE, have delivered some training with Sport Ireland. During this ongoing piece of work we have delivered training to some staff and members of approximately 28 separate sporting organisations. Examples of organisations such as Special Olympics Ireland, The Camoige Association, GAA, FAI, Athletics Ireland, Triathlon Ireland, Leinster Rugby, Hockey Ireland, Tennis Ireland, Cricket Ireland, Irish Wheel Chair Association, Badminton Ireland and some various local sports partnerships.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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