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**Deputy Joe McHugh**  
**Dail Eireann,**  
**Dublin 2.**

**PQ Number: 5447/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the protocol with regard to control and restraint training during level 5 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy McHugh,

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.

HSE Mental Health Services are committed to the delivery of quality and safe mental health services. The HSE advocates for the use of de-escalation measures over restrictive practices and continues to strive to utilise restrictive practices as a last resort.

The Mental Health Act 2001 (Approved Centres) Regulations 2006, Regulation 26, Staffing states that

"The registered proprietor shall ensure that staff have access to education and training to enable them to provide care and treatment in accordance with best contemporary practice".

As per the Judgement Support Framework published by the MHC,

"All healthcare professionals are trained in the following:

4.13.3. Management of violence and aggression (e.g. Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)/Professional Management of Aggression and Violence(PMAV))".

A PMAV refresher programme was launched on HSE land in January 2021. Mental Health Services have continued to meet their legal requirements to deliver training to staff, in different formats and smaller groups, while maintain public health advice.

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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