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Deputy Thomas Gould,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 6083/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the Working Group on Dual Diagnosis has met; when it last met; and the next arranged meeting.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

The last time the National Working Group met as part of the Dual Diagnosis National Clinical Programme (NCP) was late 2018 as the National Clinical Lead moved to another area in Mental Health. The focus then moved to recruiting a Clinical Lead and so no further meetings took place since then.

More recently, the HSE has appointed a new Clinical Lead and Programme Manager specifically for the Dual Diagnosis NCP. Once in place these staff will review past work and consider what is required to move the Programme forward including review of the draft Mode of Care and the establishment of a multi-disciplinary working group.

Funding for the Programme has also been secured and it is a priority for the National Clinical Advisor Group Lead - Mental Health office to progress this important Programme of work as quickly as possible.

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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