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Deputy Duncan Smith
Dail Eireann
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if the development of the housing coordinator role within the HSE has developed pathways to housing for those with mental health disabilities; if he expects these housing coordinators to continue their work after the current proposed end date of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 role of Housing Coordinator was developed and recruited using money from the Service Reform Fund in 2018. The funding of these posts was established for a two year period and was allocated on a 'seed investment' principle. The intention was that if it was deemed that the role was to continue beyond the initial two year period, ongoing funding would need to be secured within existing resources within the HSE.

The role of the housing coordinator is bespoke to each CHO area in that they were recruited by each area rather than nationally. As each Housing Coordinator is employed directly within each CHO area, the Heads of Services for Mental Health within those areas are currently examining their capacity to fund these posts going forward within their existing budget allocation.

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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