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Dear Deputy Crowe,

**PQ Number:** 9024/21

**Question:** To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has a monopoly on training for safeguarding vulnerable adults; and his plans to address same. - Cathal Crowe

*The HSE has been asked by the Department of Health to reply to your questions.*

*The HSE National Safeguarding Office has a responsibility under the Safeguarding Vulnerable persons at Risk of Abuse policy & procedures 2014 to develop staff training. Currently the HSE provides adult safeguarding awareness raising training and adult safeguarding designated officer training. None of the HSE adult safeguarding training is accredited with any accreditation body. Safeguarding Adults at risk of Abuse awareness training is provided online on HSEland and as such is available to all HSE and HSE funded staff as well as students and volunteers. Private nursing home and private homecare sector staff can also access HSEland. Designated officer is a specific role set out in the 2014 HSE policy applicable to the social care division only and training is provided to all nominated designated officers and interested others who request it.*

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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