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2nd February 2021 Deputy Bernard J. Durkan, Dail Eireann Dublin 2.

PQ 2794/21: To ask the Minister for Health if he will take action to resolve any or all of the ongoing disputes personnel at certain levels throughout the mental health services given the Covid-19 emergency that currently exists and the need to address the impact of Covid-19 on the mental health services in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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 parties to the dispute in relation to Area Directors of Mental Health Nursing, are currently engaged in exploratory discussions under the auspices of the WRC, to establish a basis for the resolution of the issues. This process is continuing, and management is committed to working within that process to bring about a satisfactory solution.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds

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