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To ask the Minister for Health if a course (details supplied) can be delivered online whilst Covid-19 restrictions are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: the Safe Talk Suicide Prevention Course

Dear Deputy,

The HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) has been requested to respond to your question above.

safeTALK is an internationally recognised suicide prevention training programme that has been developed, tested and evaluated for delivery in face-to-face settings. The delivery of this programme in Ireland, is licensed by the HSE NOSP through LivingWorks Education Incorporated, who have communicated that safeTALK is not transferrable to an online medium given the sensitivity of the material covered.

While face-to-face training is limited during COVID-19 restrictions, a new free and interactive online suicide prevention training programme - [LivingWorks Start](#) - is available to members of the community. This can be accessed through local Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention and these contact details can be found [here](#).

I trust this information is useful for you. Please do revert should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,



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