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April 9th 2021,
Deputy Cormac Devlin,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ
Number: 14298/21

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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the practical and financial supports provided by his Department to the organisations engaged in and promoting the Eating Disorders Awareness Week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cormac Devlin

Dear Deputy Devlin,

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 Department of Health's main role is to support the Minister and Ministers of State in the development and implementation of policy for the health services. It also monitors the performance of health services.

Health services are delivered by the Health Service Executive (HSE). The HSE support NGO's who lead out on awareness programmes and many of these are also advertised on HSE and Healthy Ireland websites and through other social media platforms.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW) is an annual, international event, aimed at raising awareness. It typically takes place during the last week of February or first week of March each year.

A number of organisations held virtual events during EDAW including the HSE's National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders Network (NCPED); Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI); Academy of Eating Disorders Ireland (AEDI); Bodywhys – supported by partners SeeChange; UCD; and others.

In 2021 for EDAW a number of activities were held including the following:

Date	Event	Organised by
1 st March – 7.30 p.m.	Academy of Eating Disorders Ireland (AEDI) webinar on BED	AEDI



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2 nd March – 6.15 p.m.	Impact of COVID-19 on the ED community	PSI Special Interest Group (SIG) in EDs
2 nd March – 12.30 p.m.	COVID-19 and Body Image: a Youth perspective	Bodywhys
3 rd March – 9.30 a.m.	NCP-ED network event	HSE CPED
3 rd March – 6.30 p.m.	Autism and ED : Across the Lifespan	PSI SIGED; PSI SIGA & Bodywhys
3 rd March – 12 noon	Information webinar to staff	Spectrum Health
3 rd March – 7 p.m.	Let's talk about EDs webinar	Longford/Westmeath HSE
4 th March – 12 noon	Understanding EDs webinar to staff	CitiBank/Bodywhys
4 th March – 1 p.m.	Understanding Eds, UCD Food Society	UCD FoodSoc/Bodywhys
4 th March – 7 p.m.	PiLaR	Bodywhys
5 th March – 12 noon	Reflections Report Launch Webinar	Bodywhys
5 th March	MyMind CPD Training	Bodywhys
Calendar at 26/2/2021		

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

Yours sincerely,

Thomas O'Brien
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