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Réada Cronin T.D
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Leinster House
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Ref: PQ/21/16124 – Safeguarding CHO7

PQ:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults living in HSE-run or HSE-funded facilities in CHO7 requiring safeguarding in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of safeguarding visits made to each of the adults in the same period; the number of social workers designated as and or tasked with undertaking safeguarding actions of that cohort in the CHO7 area in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

“Réada Cronin”

Response:

Dear Deputy Cronin,

I refer to your representation in regard to HSE Safeguarding services in HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare (CHO7). I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

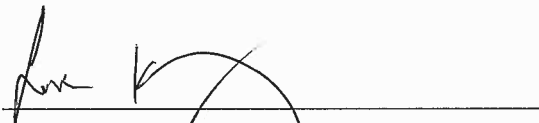
	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of Adults Living in HSE-run and HSE-funded facilities where a preliminary screening was received by the Safeguarding and Protection Team in DSKWW Community Healthcare	1937	1932	2025	405
Number of HSE Safeguarding and Protection Social Workers in DSKWW Community Healthcare	7	8	12	16

In addition to the HSE Safeguarding and Protection Team in DSKWW Community Healthcare, there are Safeguarding Social Workers in HSE-funded agencies. Both HSE and HSE funded services have a designated officer who has a key responsibility to implement the safeguarding policies and ensure a safeguarding plan is put in place and submitted to the HSE Safeguarding and Protection Team within 3 days of a concern of abuse arising. Some of the designated officers tasked to undertake the reviews may be social workers but can also be other disciplines such as nurses, social care workers etc.

The HSE Safeguarding team do not routinely collect figures on the number of visits to each of the adults where a preliminary screening was received.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, should you require further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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