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PQ 17347/21 – To ask the Minister for Health if the ready steady grow programme will be reinstated in Ballymun, Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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 Ready Steady Grow programme was supported by Community Healthcare Organisation – Dublin North City and County in Ballymun from 2009 and ceased in 2016.

Young Ballymun continues to provide some support through Ready Steady Grow for ante-natal (baby massage) and Infant Mental Health support through its home visiting therapeutic service. Young Ballymun is not a HSE organisation and is an area-based childhood programme funded through TUSLA by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration.

There are no plans to reinstate this service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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