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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a follow-up to the 2019 report My Voice Matters and another round of consultations with mental health service users and family and friends of mental health service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

HSE Mental Health services welcomed the Mental Health Reform (MHR) report 'my Voice Matters' when it was launched in 2019 in support of its commitment to listening to and hearing the voices and experience of Service users, Family members Carer's and Supporters (SUFMC). The My Voice Matters report aligned with many of the recovery and person centred priorities which the HSE has committed to implementing for a number of years.

Since 2019 Mental Health services have continued to develop and expand a Recovery Oriented Service through the office of Mental Health Engagement and Recovery (MHER) which was established in 2019. The HSE continues to implement the National Framework for Recovery 2018 - 2021. This framework will be reviewed in 2022 to ensure it is fully aligned to our national policy 'Sharing the Vision' (STV). At this point the HSE has no plans to commission a follow up Report to My Voice matters.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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