



18 October 2021

Deputy Colm Burke
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 48053/21: To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE National Office for Trauma Services has established a formal trauma training committee and an appointed HSE lead for trauma education as is recommended in the Trauma Systems for Ireland 2018 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The National Trauma Strategy published in February 2018, takes a whole system approach addressing all elements of the trauma care pathway including prevention, pre-hospital care, acute hospital care, rehabilitation and supported discharge.

The strategy recommends the establishment of an inclusive trauma system, where a network of facilities and services co-ordinate the care of injured patients along standardised pathways and sets out 45 recommendations for the organisation of trauma care and the provision of patient-centred trauma services.

The 45 recommendations have been grouped into eleven high-level workstreams which make up the Trauma System Implementation Programme. A dedicated training and education workstream has been established as part of the Trauma System Implementation Programme and is sponsored by Mr David Moore, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery. This workstream is responsible for implementing the recommendations relating to trauma specific training and education. The workstream is currently gathering information on existing education and training courses relating to trauma with a view to creating a catalogue of relevant courses that healthcare professionals working in Trauma can access.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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