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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,  
An Lú, An Mhí

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte,  
Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin,  
An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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### Re Parliamentary Question - 59965/22

**To ask the Minister for Health if the contract of the midland youth drug and alcohol service will be extended beyond December 2022; his plans to ensure that such services are available in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan**

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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 I outline the position as follows.

HSE CADS (Community Alcohol & Drug Services) and the Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF) contracted Extern to provide U18 services across the Midlands region. This HSE contract is scheduled to end 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022.

From January 2023 the HSE will provide these services and posts are currently being recruited. The HSE Community, Alcohol and Drug Service and Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Taskforce are currently working with Extern to ensure a smooth transition for this cohort of service users.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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