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**Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.**

Ref PQ 30979/22 - *To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators used to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of community healthcare networks; the targets in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was passed to the HSE for response. As the implementation of the 96 Community Healthcare Networks is underway, the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) programme has recently established a Measurement and Evaluation Workstream. It is recognised that measurement and evaluation are essential components to support the significant service reform for the ECC Programme, by ensuring the national provision of a high quality, equitable, evidence-based service and monitoring whether the service is adequately meeting population needs.

As a first step, the ECC Programme recently commenced data collection on the national Structural Metrics across all Community Health Networks (CHNs). These structural metrics provide an overview on the current position relating to the structures, services, staff and supports in place across community and primary care within each CHO which are a key enabler to delivering integrated care.

An ancillary process will also be conducted to collate a series of activity metrics across the Community Health Networks (CHNs) in the coming months. These metrics will highlight the clinical type activity happening within each CHN such as patient referrals and wait times. Throughout this timeframe existing metrics will still continue to be collated for each service such as referrals, waiting times, access in line with agreed activity in the Balance Scorecard and the National Service Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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