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Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 11362/22 -To ask the Minister for Health if the National Director of Social Care in the HSE has completed the HSEs online safeguarding training; and the date upon which they completed same.

-Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In view of the fact that the information you are seeking is in relation to identifiable members of staff, the HSE is not at liberty to furnish you with the details requested, as the release of personal information, including individual staff training records, is contrary to the Data Protection rights of staff. However, the HSE Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Adults at Risk training programme went fully online in September 2020 and is available to all staff in the HSE and HSE-funded services.

There is also a more comprehensive Training Programme for nominated Designated Officers and Service Managers, which focuses on their respective roles, as set out in the 2014 Safeguarding Policy. This Programme explores practice approaches to safeguarding, with a particular focus on undertaking preliminary screening and safeguarding planning.

Please see below a number of relevant links, which you may find useful;

1. The National Standards for Adult safeguarding
<https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-adult-safeguarding>
2. The Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse National Policy & Procedures (2014)
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/personsatriskofabuse.pdf>
3. The National Safeguarding Office's Annual Report (2020)
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/socialcare/safeguardingvulnerableadults/nationalsafeguardingofficereport2020.pdf>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne O'Neill", written over a light grey horizontal line.

Yvonne O'Neill,
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