



31<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ: 25184/22**

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to ensure all healthcare workers are trained to confidently support women to make disclosures including domestic abuse and coercive control.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your above Parliamentary Question which had been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

In response to the Second National Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Strategy published by the Department of Justice in 2016, the HSE National Social Inclusion office commissioned a review of current approaches and outcomes in respect of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence (DSGBV) questions used by all staff in different community and hospital contexts / environments and with specific target groups. A survey of acute hospitals and a qualitative study of staff in relevant settings is completed, while a qualitative study with survivors of DSGBV received ethical approval and is currently underway.

The HSE will develop a National DSGBV Training Strategy for frontline HSE staff following consideration of the outcome from the review project. Funding for resource requirements will be considered within available budgets/ the HSE estimates process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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