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Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ Number: 27987/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the HSE withdrawing funding from the EOLAS programmes for the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward ,

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 the following outlines the position.

The HSE recognises the value of the Eolas programme in supporting the recovery of service users and their families who experience mental health challenges due to psychosis. The HSE recommends that Eolas is available as an intervention at local CHO level with the agreement of local management and clinical leads.

In 2019 the HSE Office of Mental Health Engagement and Recovery developed a Recovery education plan for mental health services which offered a number of Recovery education programmes to be rolled out locally. The developers from the Eolas programme were invited as part of this recovery education initiative under HSE governance and best operational practice for such programmes. After comprehensive discussions, Eolas decided not to take up the invitation to be part of the HSE Recovery Education Service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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