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Deputy Mark Ward.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ Number: 27988/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the future plans for the EOLAS programmes; if same can be reinstated; 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 Office of Mental Health Engagement and Recovery provides a range of recovery education programmes to meet the needs of all its service users' family and supporter populations, through recovery education services, recovery colleges, service user and family peer support and other programmes. These will continue to be enhanced through the implementation of our national policy *Sharing the Vision – Mental Health Policy for Everyone* and in particular through Recommendation 29 of that policy.

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 remains available as an intervention at local CHO level with the agreement of local management and clinical leads and supported from local resources.

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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