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Mr. Robert Troy T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: Parliamentary Question - 57437/22

To ask the Minister for Health the future plans for Midlands Youth Drug and Alcohol Service, given that the contract with an organisation (details supplied) for the provision of services ceases in December 2022 and parents have not been informed of future plans. -Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy

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 I outline the position as follows.

HSE CADS (Community Alcohol & Drug Services) and the Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF) contracted Extern to provide U18 services across the Midlands region. This HSE contract is scheduled to end 31st December, 2022.

From January 2023 the HSE will provide these services and posts are currently being recruited. The HSE Community, Alcohol and Drug Service and Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Taskforce are currently working with Extern to ensure a smooth transition for this cohort of service users.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation