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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,
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Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin,
An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 58149/22

To ask the Minister for Health the alternative interim arrangements that his Department will implement, given that the Midlands Youth Drug and Alcohol Service is to cease at the end of 2022 (details supplied). -Sorca Clarke

(Details) - as the contract the company (EXTERN) has with the HSE to provide the service is not being renewed and no campaign has begun to provide a replacement for this vital service upon which many young people and their families rely in the Midlands Region.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 Service) & the Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF) continue to work with Extern to ensure a smooth transition for service users currently engaged in the Extern MYDAS service into the new HSE/MRDATF U18 service. From January 2023 the HSE will provide these services and posts are currently being recruited.

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

Yours sincerely,

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