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To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the south east regional drug and alcohol task force has not had a full-time co-ordinator for almost three years; if all parties are acting with appropriate haste to resolve the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Most recently the permanent post-holder of the Co-ordinator for the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force was redeployed to assist with the Covid-19 Pandemic Crisis. However, it is the intention of the HSE to ensure this post is restored as a matter of priority.

As previously confirmed, the post has been filled on a temporary basis and there has been no disruption to services.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Marie Lanigan'.

Anna Marie Lanigan
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