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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh
Dáil Eireann,
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PQ ref 9997/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health is he aware of the South Dublin Travellers*

Report: Nature, Extent and Impact of Suicide among the Traveller Community in South County Dublin and Ballyfermot, 2021 and the nine recommendations coming from it; and what action he will take on the foot of them; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the new Traveller Health Action Plan was launched in November 2022. The Eastern Regional Traveller Health Unit (THU) is in the process of consulting with HSE staff and the Traveller Community regarding what needs to be prioritised. Genio funding has been made available to begin this consultation process. A Consultant has been appointed and consultations commenced on the 2nd March and will finish on the 30th March 2023. The Traveller community and HSE Senior Staff are participating in these workshops and a final joint consultation face to face meeting will take place on the 30th March 2023.

All Care Directorates are being asked to take part in the consultation process. The Steering Group of the Eastern Region Traveller Health Unit (THU) overseeing this process has representation from Senior HSE Staff and Members of the Traveller community. When the consultation process has finished they will agree over a five year period what actions to prioritise.

It is not possible to confirm at present what will be in this new Traveller Health Action Plan until this process is complete. There are four consultations taking place in March and any actions from the South Dublin Travellers Report: Nature, Extent and Impact of Suicide among the Traveller Community in South County Dublin & Ballyfermot that are raised in these consultations will be considered for prioritization in the Community Healthcare Organisation’s Dublin South Kildare West Wicklow Traveller Health Action Plan.

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

Yours sincerely,

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