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Deputy Patrick Costello TD,  
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Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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**Re: PQ 13439/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; to what level this training is provided; if this training is provided on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Costello,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE Antihuman Trafficking Team (AHTT) was established in 2010. The team is multidisciplinary and consist of eight fulltime staff members, and all staff are trained in the identification of trafficked victims. The AHTT have the brief of care planning victims of trafficking under the statutory national action plan.

Their training is ongoing and updated on a regular basis.

In line with the new National Referral Mechanism, the HSE will work with partners around developing training for wider HSE staff.

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

Yours sincerely,

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