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Deputy Catherine Connolly,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to the Sharing the Vision implementation plan 2022-2024, the status of the gap analysis of advocacy support needs; the status of the development of the implementation plan for advocacy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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 the following outlines the position.

The HSE is committed to developing an Advocacy service for its service users that will ensure that service users are empowered to lead in their own care as is their human right and is set out in our national policy 'Sharing the Vision'.

Vision for Change recommendation 65 recommends that appropriate advocacy supports should be provided to all mental health services. The current status of the implementation of this recommendation is: The researcher has completed the study into the gap analysis and is currently drafting the final report which will be submitted to the STV Recommendation 65 working group for review in Q4 2023.

The working group will develop an Implementation plan with resourcing requirements based on the gap analysis recommendations and submit to the National Mental Operations and Strategic Planning teams for consideration as outlined in the STV implementation plan and timeline.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Michael Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Ryan
General Manager
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