



13th May 2024

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Re: PQ 17821/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff that have training in relation to human trafficking awareness or human trafficking indicators; the level to which this training has been provided; and if this training is provided on a regular basis.

Dear Deputy Collins

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 National Social Inclusion Office, as part of the 2024 Work plan has carried out a training and resource needs analysis with staff to inform the development of a human trafficking training programme. The National Social Inclusion Office are currently mapping existing training available. Human Trafficking awareness training will be available to all HSE staff with specialised content created for those who work in frontline services.

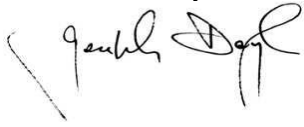
Due to the relevancy of this topic in the wider context of Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (DSBGV), information on Human Trafficking is featured on the HSE National DSBGV Training Programme Module 1 – Awareness. This module was launched on HSELand in December 2023 and it's accessible to all HSE staff and staff from funded agencies.

The National Social Inclusion Team work closely with The HSE Anti-Human Trafficking Team (AHTT) which 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 contact me.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Doyle
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