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Deputy Eoin Ó Broin
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 10615/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will instate a review into the impact of the cessation of developmental checks for all children under the national healthy childhood programme in Dublin mid-west, in order to assess the real consequences of the lack of service provision to all children in the constituency; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding 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 that a National Oversight Group for Community Nursing Services was established and is progressing further opportunities to improve recruitment and retention of Public Health Nurses (PHNs) and Community RGNs (CRGNs) in Community Services across the country. Risk assessments are in place locally in relation to reduced staffing levels and the impact on service provision. The Primary Care Public Health Nursing management team are engaging with colleagues in Public Health pertaining to the impact of the cessation of some core child health developmental checks and this process is ongoing.

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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