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**PQ 9729/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health when the funding promised in 2015 for 'It's Good 2 Talk' will be provided; the reason this funding has been held for ten years and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Súilleabháin

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

In December 2015 the then Minister of State for Mental Health services advised of an initial funding allocation of €130,000 to be made available to the "It's Good 2 Talk" (IGTT) service in Co. Wexford. This was to be progressed via a Service Level Agreement in accordance with Section 39 of the Health Act, being in place with the HSE.

From the outset it was clearly outlined by the HSE to IGTT that certain criteria would need to be met in order to effect a Service Level Agreement. This included a clinical governance framework developed within "IGTT". In addition, it also means funding counselling services, provided by counsellors who are fully accredited by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP) or one of the other approved HSE organisations.

The Health Act 2004 provides that the HSE may, subject to available resources, and on such terms and conditions it considers appropriate, fund the services provided by non-statutory providers. Additionally, the HSE has responsibility for the stewardship and proper management of public funds granted to it for the provision of health and personal social services.

MHS Management remain available to discuss this matter as appropriate. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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