



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

An Oifig Náisiúnta don Chuimsiú
Sóisialta
Rannóg Cúram Príomhúil
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse
Sláinte
Lána an Mhuilinn
Baile Phámar
Baile Átha Cliath 20

☎: 01-620 1666 f. 01-620 1626

National Social Inclusion Office
Primary Care Division
Health Service Executive
Mill Lane
Palmerstown
Dublin 20

9th August, 2016

Deputy Alan Kelly
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 22264/16

* To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publish the review carried out into the previous National Intercultural Health Strategy 2007-2012; and the timeline for its publication.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:


A review of the HSE National Intercultural Health Strategy 2007 – 2012 was undertaken as a means of assessing impact of the strategy, examining its implementation and identifying priority areas for ongoing attention. Taking into account changes in the political, health, economic, demographic, legislative and social policy landscape at a national and international level, the review explored the continuing relevance of the Intercultural Health Strategy, its “fit” with policy priorities, alignment with legislation and emergence of new issues and challenges in the area of intercultural health.

A key objective in undertaking the review was that its findings inform development of a proposed second HSE National Intercultural Health Strategy; in this context, it is planned to apply findings of the review in consultations and associated work around formulating this second strategy. Initial efforts have commenced in this regard.

Although it is not intended to publish the review as a formal document, it will be clearly referenced in ongoing efforts around development of the strategy and in the final document itself.

I hope this information is useful; if you would like further detail around this area of work, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Nurse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "D" being particularly large and stylized.

Diane Nurse

National Lead: Social Inclusion