



11th December, 2025

Deputy Devine,
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Re: 64147/25

To ask the Minister for Health if training is mandated by the HSE for doctors and nurses on existing contracts to recognise signs of domestic, sexual, gender violence and coercive control in patients and family members; the details of the training; the number of times this training is required for an attendee; the number of persons which have attended this training per year since its inception; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Devine,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Under [Zero Tolerance, Ireland's Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual & Gender-Based Violence \(2022-2026\)](#) the HSE has a responsibility to train healthcare workers to identify domestic violence and refer victims/survivors to appropriate services. In this line, the HSE has developed a National Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV) Training Programme. This training is available to all HSE staff and staff from funded services on HSELand, the HSE e-learning platform.

The DSGBV Training Programme features four non-mandatory modules (Awareness, Recognise, Respond and Refer). Due to the prerequisite-based progression structure of the training programme, learners are required to complete modules sequentially. Further Information about each module can be found [here](#).

Completion figures are detailed in the table below

DSGBV Training Programme:	Completions against users currently registered on HSELand as a doctor or nurse* Data collected December 2025
Module 1: Awareness (Launched December 2023)	Completions per year <ul style="list-style-type: none">2023 – 15 completions2024 – 721 completions2025 – 478 completions Total completions= 1,214

Module 2: Recognise (Launched July 2024)	Completions per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 – 238 completions • 2025 – 349 completions Total completions= 587
Module 3: Respond (Launched November 2024)	Completions per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 - 36 completions • 2025 - 213 completions Total completions= 249 completions
Module 4: Refer (Launched June 2025)	Completions per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 completions – 85 Total completions= 85

*HSE is unable to confirm contract status. Number of completions based on number of users registered on HSELand as a doctor or nurse in a HSE location at time of reporting.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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