24th July, 2017

Deputy Jack Chambers, TD
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PQ 33853/17
* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of the services in all CHOs in relation to the person centred care planning processes of the drugs rehabilitation framework reassessment, key working and care planning.

Dear Deputy Chambers,

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:

In 2013, the Department of Public Health and Primary Care in Trinity College Dublin carried out an external evaluation of the National Drugs Rehabilitation Framework (NDRF) in the 10 pilot sites chosen to implement the NDRF in 2011. Service providers, service users and key informants were interviewed across the sites. Of the ten pilot sites, six had begun working under the NDRF. From those six sites, the findings showed that all service users had completed an assessment and all service users had a key worker. Three quarters of key workers/case managers stated they always engaged in care planning, and the remainder stated they sometimes engaged in care planning.

In addition, an evaluation is currently underway by Department of Public Health and Primary Care in Trinity College Dublin in CHO 4 on the implementation of the NDRF in Cork. The evaluation and report is expected to be completed in quarter 4 2017.

Preliminary Quarterly Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) data returned for the end of March ’17 on the NDRF processes of key working and care planning indicate that:

- nationally 73% of people over 18 years of age for whom treatment has commenced have a key worker and 76% have a care plan.
- nationally 81% of people under 18 years of age for whom treatment has commenced have a key worker and 82% have a care plan.
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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