24th July, 2017

Deputy Jack Chambers, TD
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PQ 33854/17
* To ask the Minister for Health the number of health service staff that are currently being trained on SAOR screening and brief intervention for problem alcohol and substance use.

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:

Training in SAOR (S (Support) A (Ask and Assess) O (Offer assistance) R (Referral)) Screening and Brief Intervention methodologies for problem alcohol and substance use is on-going nationally.

Preliminary Quarterly Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) from quarter 1 and quarter 2 this year show that 604 staff across all sectors (in HSE and other statutory support services, in community and voluntary sectors) have been trained in SAOR so far this year.

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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