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* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the roll out of education resource small changes, big difference and associated health promotion programmes across traveller health units; if these are now complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

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:

The education resource "Small Changes, Big Difference" was developed under the auspices of the HSE National Traveller Health Advisory Forum as a means of addressing prevention of diabetes and cardiovascular disease among the Traveller community in culturally appropriate and accessible ways.

This programme was developed in partnership with the Traveller community through many of the Primary Health Care programmes across the country.

Rollout of this resource and associated health promotion programmes is almost complete across Traveller Health Units. It is expected that any outstanding areas of rollout will be completed in Quarter 3 2017.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Nurse'.

Diane Nurse
National Lead: Social Inclusion