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* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the training of staff in traveller health units on connecting for life in order that it can be promoted in a culturally appropriate manner to members of the traveller community; if this training is 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:

Efforts in respect of supporting reduction of suicide and mental health problems within the Traveller community are key priorities within HSE Operational plans, as well as in the recently published National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 – 2021.

Training of staff in Traveller Health Units is presently behind schedule due to staffing/ resource constraints.

However, with some recent realignment of resources, it is expected that this training will commence in Quarter 3, 2017.

This training will be developed and implemented in collaboration with staff of the National Office for Suicide Prevention and Traveller representatives.

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