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* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of the role of traveller community health workers and the issues identified in relation to sustainability of this workforce.

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:

A scoping exercise of the role of Traveller Community Workers and associated issues in relation to the sustainability of this workforce has been conducted. Provisional findings indicate much variance in roles, payments, hours worked etc, with associated implications around ongoing management and sustainability. It is necessary to review this area in further detail with a view to clarifying any emerging issues and making appropriate recommendations around ensuring sustainability of the valuable work effected by this cohort.

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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