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* To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has implemented the 2017 prioritised, health related actions in line with national strategy on domestic, sexual and gender based violence, 2016-2021; 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 HSE National Social Inclusion Office represents the HSE on the Department of Justice-led Monitoring Committee of the National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender based Violence 2016 – 2021.

Actions 1.500 and 2.400 of the National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender based Violence are assigned to the HSE National Social Inclusion Office for implementation in the early part of 2017, while Action 2.100 is an action assigned to both the HSE and Tusla in partnership with non-governmental service provider organisations.

The following outlines the progress in implementing these actions:

Action 1.500: Develop and deliver education / training modules both initial training and developmental training, for continual delivery to specific target groups in the public sector

Work has commenced on the development of a national Train the Trainer programme with an external provider. Key stakeholders have been consulted and relevant documentation gathered to inform the development of the Train the Trainer Programme. Six HSE Community Health Organisation (CHO) areas have nominated staff to participate in the Train the Trainer Programme and to deliver the training in Q4, 2017. Three CHO areas have nominated staff to attend the Train the Trainer programme. The Train the Trainer programme commenced in June and will be completed by the end of Q3 2017. The process to include an action on training in CHO Quality Improvement plans has commenced.

Action 2.400: Review current approaches and outcomes in respect of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence questions used by all staff in different community and hospital contexts / environments and with specific target groups

Progress on this action has been slow, as an incremental synergistic approach is being applied to collect and review prioritised information. It is anticipated that this action be concluded by the end of Q4, 2017

Action 2.100: Develop appropriate mechanisms for commissioning of psychological support services in line with the SATU National Guidelines (3rd edition) for victims of sexual violence attending at SATUs.

Psychological support services to victims of sexual violence who use SATUs are included in the quantum of services provided by seven Tusla-funded Rape Crisis/Sexual Violence Services nationally.

In 2018, Tusla will be engaging with RCC/sexual violence services, HSE SATU services and other stakeholders to undertake additional planning and review as part of it's commissioning developments. The goal is to build on current provision in order to assure that available supports can consistently meet the needs of service users.

In addition to the actions outlined above, the HSE National Social Inclusion Office funds One in Four to carry out Action 2.2600: Develop therapeutic intervention programmes for voluntary participants in sexual violence programmes for non-convicted abusers.

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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