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PQ 33876/17

* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE's review of current supports to victims of human trafficking as part of the overall efforts towards monitoring provision of services to victims of human trafficking and identify areas for improvement.

PQ 33875/17

* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE's implementation of the phased health actions from the second national action plan to prevent and combat human trafficking in Ireland.

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

A number of actions are contained in the Second National Action plan to prevent and combat Human Trafficking in Ireland.

Actions 23, 24 and 25 are those health related actions assigned to the HSE for implementation.

These actions are listed as follows in the HSE Primary Care Division's National Operational plan for 2017:

- Develop a plan to provide supports and appropriate health services for victims of human trafficking (Actions 23, 24 and 25).
- Review current supports to victims of human trafficking as part of the overall efforts towards monitoring provision of services to victims of human trafficking and identify areas for improvement (Action 24).
- Develop a strategy and action plan to develop awareness, and identify further supports for victims of trafficking. This strategy will inform the HSE contribution to the

comprehensive policy document to be developed by the Department of Justice in respect of measures designed to provide assistance to victims of human trafficking (Action 23).

Actions are progressed in collaboration with the Anti Human Trafficking Unit of the Department of Justice.

The action in respect of reviewing current supports to victims of human trafficking is currently being progressed, while the remainder of actions are scheduled for implementation in Qs 3 and 4, 2017.

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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