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* To ask the Minister for Health the CHO and hospital groups in which the discharge protocol for homeless persons in acute hospitals and mental health facilities are being implemented.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

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:

Since issuing the National Hospital Discharge Protocol for Homelessness (Guidance Framework) (see reply to PQ 32360/16) a local protocol is being operationalised across the Dublin Region with pilot activities in St James Hospital and the Mater Hospital. Further developments are underway within the South East, West, Midland and North West Homeless Regions.

Also for the deputy's information the HSE has developed a draft Dublin Homeless Hospital Discharge Protocol which is currently being reviewed by primary care, mental health, acute hospital services and local authorities.

It has been agreed with the housing representatives of the Sub-committee of the County and City Managers Association (CCMA) to finalise the Dublin protocol then adapt it to other areas.

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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