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Deputy Billy Kelleher
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PQ 53865/17
* To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of services in all CHOs in relation to the person centred care planning processes of the drugs rehabilitation framework reassessment, key working and care planning.

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:

Preliminary Quarterly Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) data returned for the end of June 2017 on the National Drugs Rehabilitation Framework (NDRF) processes of key working and care planning indicates that:

- Nationally 67% of people over 18 years of age for whom treatment has commenced have a key worker and 79% have a care plan.
- Nationally 87% of people under 18 years of age for whom treatment has commenced have a key worker and 85% have a care plan.

For the Deputy’s information, some additional actions in terms of reviewing the implementation of the processes of the NDRF are:

- CHOs have been involved in the development and roll-out of a service user experience surveys.
- A clinical review of funded services examining among other areas, care planning and key working has been carried out by CHO 3. The review will be completed in early 2018.
- A consultation with workers, service users and family members with the aim of reviewing processes in line with the NDRF was carried out in CHO 4. The findings have resulted in a more user friendly and integrated system between Drug and Alcohol, Homeless and Prison services. An evaluation was also carried out by
Trinity College on how the processes of the NDRF were being implemented and the impact of this on service users. The evaluation will be launched in early 2018.

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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