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\* To ask the Minister for Health the timescale for the roll out of the ENDRIC/ECASS system in task force and community based drug rehabilitation projects.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In October 2013 the HSE informed the Department of Health that it was supportive of Drug Task Forces proceeding with planned work on client management systems within existing budgets once certain areas were adequately addressed, including:

- That the system sufficiently addresses the security and location data protection issues as specified by the office of the Data Protection Commissioner.
- Once the system has been introduced, that there are reasonably flexible and cost effective processes for changing it.
- That the system facilitates NDTRS reporting.
- That the system facilitates entering care plan information in line with the requirements of the NDRIC national protocols.
- That the system is in compliance with the new EU data protection reforms.
- That the relevant Department of Finance public procurement procedures have been followed.
- That there is no infringement of copyright with other licence agreements that the service may have.

We are aware that Local and Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces are implementing various client monitoring systems within existing resources, of which the eCASS system is one. The National Drug Rehabilitation Implementation Group (NDRIC) does not have a function in rolling out a specific client management system.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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