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An Lú, An Mhí

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte,
Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin,
An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Mr. Thomas Gould T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Questions:

PQ 58034/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the ending of the contract for provision of youth addiction services in the Midlands region.

PQ 58036/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the date that he issued a tender for youth addiction services in the Midlands.

PQ 58037/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will give a firm commitment that there will be no disruption to youth addiction services in the Midlands in the next 12 months.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 I outline the position as follows.

HSE CADS (Community Alcohol & Drug Services) and the Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF) contracted Extern to provide U18 services across the Midlands region. This HSE contract is scheduled to end 31st December, 2022.

From January 2023 the HSE will provide these services and posts are currently being recruited. The HSE Community, Alcohol and Drug Service and Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Taskforce are currently working with Extern to ensure a smooth transition for this cohort of service users.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Officer
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