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Deputy Thomas Gould
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"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown drug and alcohol task force is currently without a co-ordinator, despite the HSE having been informed by the task force as long ago as May 2022 that it had opted for a HSE-employed co-ordinator."

Deputy Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that a recruitment campaign for Bray Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Drug and Alcohol Task Force Coordinators in CHO Area 6 was conducted in September 2022 with interviews in October 2022. Due to only one successful eligible candidate on the panel the position was accepted for Bray Drug and Alcohol Task Force Coordinator. HSE Addiction Services Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow are currently waiting primary notification to expedite a second recruitment campaign for a Drug and Alcohol Task Force Coordinator for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

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

## Yours sincerely,

## Paula Barron

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