



Deputy Robert Troy
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

8th August 2024

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 31569/24

To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the interRAI care needs facilitator placements advertised and interviewed for in 2023, as part of the Sláintecare initiative (details supplied).

The HSE and the Department of Health has made the decision to implement interRAI as the care needs assessment of choice. The implementation of interRAI for home support was prioritised in April 2023 by the HSE Chief Operations Officer and is a core component to ensure readiness for the pending Regulations for the Providers of Home Support Services, the Statutory Home Support Scheme (SHSS) and the HSE Future Home Support Service Operating Model (FHSSOM).

Posts for the implementation of InterRAI were advertised and appointed in some CHO Areas for the purpose of a pilot.

Issues have been raised regarding the role and function of the InterRAI Care Needs Facilitator posts and discussions commenced with the Health Service Trade Unions regarding same. These discussions are not yet concluded.

Yours sincerely,

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