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Deputy Róisín Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 42306/24 To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the work of the national implementation group established to implement the recommendations from a report on recruitment and retention of public health nurses and community registered general nurses (details supplied); if this report and its 39 recommendations will be published; if all 39 recommendations have been accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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

The Report and its 39 recommendations has been accepted by the by the National Director, Community Operations, Mr David Walsh. In his acceptance of the Report, Mr Walsh has stressed it must be considered in the context of the principals of Slaintecare and the development of the CHN model and Primary Care services.

Mr Walsh also advised that the recommendations need to be considered in the context of the next steps. In particular any recommendation incurring costs in the current position of the HSE. In this context, an implementation plan setting out a proposed lead for each of the recommendations is being explored at this time.

A meeting took place on Friday 25th November 2023 with key stakeholders to review the recommendations and proposed leads and agree the next steps.

The “Report on recommendations to improve recruitment and retention of Public Health Nurses and Community Registered General Nurses in Community Nursing Services” is an internal HSE document and has been circulated widely to relevant stakeholders.

The recommendations are being progressed through 3 Workstreams under the chair of the ONMSD, DPHN and HR/IR. Any recommendations that are cost increasing are referred to the appropriate bargaining forums.

I trust this clarifies.

Yours sincerely,

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