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Re: PQ 36363/24

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on the Áras Attracta trust in care investigation outcome, and costs, as of September 2024; and if he will make a statement"

Dear Deputy O'Dowd

I refer to PQ 36363 uploaded on the PAD System on the 13th September 2024 and due for response on the 2nd October 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth in the above regard. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

The Trust in Care policy is about upholding the dignity and welfare of patient/clients and the procedure for managing allegations of abuse against staff members.

The Trust in Care update is as follows:

The Trust in Care process has concluded.

1. One staff member remains on long term sick leave and has not been medically fit to engage in the disciplinary process following conclusion of Trust in Care process. On receipt of the Trust in Care report the employee was removed from protective leave.
2. One staff member is appealing the Stage 4 Disciplinary Sanction and we await the outcome of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee.

In relation to the costs, the exact costs of The Trust In Care cannot be determined at this time as this would require a detailed study that is not possible due to the timeline set out.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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