June 2023

Thomas Kerin

**Re: FOI request** FOI-0111-2023

Dear Thomas,

I refer to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 where you sought:

In relation to the "High Level Taskforce to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of persons interacting with the criminal justice system" announced April 2nd 2021

- list of meetings held by this taskforce, and their minutes of meetings to date since established, including any action items (2021 to present)

- briefings material for the minister or it's just officials regarding the taskforce (2021 to present)

I, as the Deciding Officer, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 22nd June, 2023.

There were 10 records located relevant to the second point above. These records are now enclosed along with a corresponding schedule.

I understand you raised the same FOI to the Department of Justice and that they will be publishing all he minutes of HTLF meetings on their website in the very near future. You will be able to access these records once this is available.

**Rights of appeal**

The Act requires that you be advised of your Rights of Review, and I would refer you to the enclosed information sheet.

**Publication**

All non-personal FOI requests will be recorded on an FOI disclosure log which will be published on the Department of Health website in due course.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [Michael\_murchan@health.gov.ie].

Yours sincerely,

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