

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Primary Care - Health Care Home Trial

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Please outline in detail how the health care home trial will be evaluated.

- a) Who will have a role in developing the evaluation?
- b) When will the trial be evaluated?
- c) Given we know management of chronic illness is a lifelong challenge, does the department believe the 2 year trial allows sufficient time to allow the benefits to flow through?
- d) Will the evaluation occur in stages of after the 2 year trial is complete?
- e) By what measures will the trial be deemed a success/failure?
- f) What will occur after the 2 year trial period?

Answer:

Tenders for an independent evaluation of Stage 1 Health Care Homes are currently being assessed.

The evaluation will take place over the two years of service delivery from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019.

The evaluation will focus on the implementation process, cost benefits and early clinical indicators to assess the validity of the Health Care Home model.

The results of the evaluation will be provided to Government to inform the potential for a future national roll out of the Health Care Home model.