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Deputy Jackie Cahill TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2.

PQ 16221/19 Question: To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the launch of a project (details supplied) which has been announced for County Tipperary; the location of the service; the level of finance ring-fenced to support the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A plan will now be put in place by Jigsaw with the aim of opening the new Tipperary service in the early part of 2020 but will, given the geography of Tipperary, involve careful selection of location(s) to best service the full county.

The elements to this plan will include

- Engagement with the local stakeholders (a number of whom have done significant preparatory work, needs assessment and preliminary premises searches), including with local HSE services
- Community Consultation process, including involvement of local young people
- Scoping and securing/fitting out an appropriate premises in a location accessible for young people
- Planning for recruitment and induction of the staff team (including phased on-boarding of the full team as the service develops)

The full year cost of running Jigsaw Tipperary will be €523k.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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