

12TH December 2019

Deputy Michael Moynihan
Dáil Éireann
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“To ask the Minister for Health if the recently appointed consultant psychiatrist in CHO9 will be providing mental health services to deaf persons in Cork city and county; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that deaf persons in Cork have been without the service since the retirement of the previous consultant psychiatrist that served the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been asked to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health.

Mental Health Services, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare promotes equality in accessing a service, regardless of the service user gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, ethnicity, membership of the traveller community or social class. In accordance with the Mental Health Act 2001, service users have access to an interpreter service +/- advocacy service, where necessary, to support them to understand his / her rights and responsibilities and they are supported and encouraged to avail of these supports if required.

A key focus for Mental Health Service for 2020 will be to further develop and implement standardised pathways for the management of complex cases who require mental health services, along with input from other services or agencies, in particular, Disability Services and TUSLA, and to streamline processes with our acute hospital colleagues.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



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