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PQ: 12392/19. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend Naas General Hospital day care and mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Heydon TD

Deputy Heydon

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE intend to proceed quickly with the plan to increase the number of inpatient beds in Lakeview Inpatient Psychiatric Unit from the present 29 to 50 beds. This will allow for a more therapeutic modern environment for patients and it will reduce overcrowding and the need to transfer patients out of the county for inpatient care.

Initial discussions and designs only catered for a smaller increase of 9 beds. This was felt to be inadequate for the needs of the expanding population of Kildare and so the project was expanded. A new design team has been appointed and it is hoped that the design and planning phase will be complete by the end of 2019 with a view to commencement of the project thereafter. The project is recognised as a mental health priority and is included in the Government Capital plan.

The service hope to be able to consolidate improvement in the management of deliberate self harm in 2019. The Psychiatry of Later life Team will also be expanded. Rehabilitation Service and Community Mental Health teams will also benefit from increased resources.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, should you require further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Brady".

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Kevin Brady  
Head of Mental Health