

10th December 2019

Deputy Michael McGrath
Dáil Éireann
Dublin

PQ 48945/19

“To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to an application for funding for a feasibility study (details supplied) for second-level school on-call therapeutic counselling; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: Application by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy for funding for a feasibility study for second level school on-call therapeutic counselling in the CH04 Cork / Kerry area.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

Please note that the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP) second level on-call therapeutic counselling service feasibility study was not heretofore known to Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and no applications have been made locally in relation to same.

The submission (as attached for ease of reference) refers to the IACP seeking government support to fund this feasibility study. It is further recognised that the support of the secondary schools i.e. The Department of Education is required.

In those circumstances, given that this is a proposed national health initiative and would require cross departmental support, I would anticipate that this query would need to be raised in the first instance at national level. In that regard I have forwarded the application to the HSE's national Mental Health Office and I will revert to your office in due course with an update.

Kind regards,



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