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Mr. Peter Burke TD
Blackhall Place,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 8472/20

To ask the Minister for Health the free mental health supports in place for young persons in counties Longford and Westmeath during the Covid-19 pandemic; if an organisation (details supplied) has engaged with his Department or the HSE in relation to the establishment of a service in the counties similar to those in places such as County Offaly; if so, if funding will be provided for such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peter Burke

Details - Jigsaw

Dear Deputy Burke,

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 outline the position as follows.

All mental health services for YAMHS and CAMHS have continued throughout the COVID19 pandemic, with 2.5 teams in operation. These services have been delivered through a combination of telehealth and physical appointment clinics.

With regard to free mental services in the area, we are aware of Pieta House and Jigsaw mental health services which are funded at national level. The governance of these organisations is at either national or Primary care level. We are not aware of any proposals being put forward to the national mental health office in respect of any new services.

I trust this is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer CHO Area 8