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Deputy Brendan Smith
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15th October 2020

RE: PQ 29479/20 – To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be provided for Mental Health Services in Counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. 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.

In the 2021 service planning process Cavan Monaghan Mental Health service made a submission for the following additional resources:

- Dietician - All areas of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service;
- Occupational Therapist – Blackwater House approved centre.

Child & Adolescent Mental Health:

- Coordinator – at Assistant Director of Nursing Grade;
- Occupational Therapist - Senior;
- Speech and Language Therapist - Senior;
- Family Therapist;
- Addiction Therapist.

Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service also made a submission for the following Covid 19 specific additional resources:

- Additional cleaning resources;
- Additional accommodation in Cavan;
- Additional clerical/administration resources across the service.

I expect we will be notified through the HSE Mental Health structure of any additional resources being allocated to Cavan Monaghan Mental Health service.

If you have any further queries on this matter please let me know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Caulfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Margaret Caulfield on behalf of
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