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Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the progress made since 27 June 2020 to expanding jigsaw services and their network of early intervention and prevention services and supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 period since 27 June 2020:

Jigsaw opened a new service in Wicklow, with its base in Bray. The new team took up post in Q4 of 2020 and the service began seeing young people in early December 2020.

Work towards opening Jigsaw in Tipperary (with its base in Thurles) has been progressing, although the process of securing and fitting out a premises was hampered by the Covid 19 pandemic. A lease was signed for the premises in February 2021 and work on its fit out is ongoing. As of April 2021, staff have begun to take up their posts and undergo induction and the service will see its first young people in the coming months.

Jigsaw also launched a new online service in June 2020, providing young people with the opportunity for Live Chat directly with a mental health professional.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

General Manager
HSE Mental Health Operations

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