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Deputy Martin Browne
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of a premises (details supplied) in Thurles, County Tipperary; if the commitment to open it after Christmas has been realised; if the seven staff positions advertised have been selected and staff taken on; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

The HSE funds Jigsaw to provide youth mental health services for those with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. Jigsaw provide face-to-face, online and phone based services to young people aged between 12 to 25 years old while working with communities to resource and support parents and other adults who work with young people. Face-to-face services are delivered from 12 nationwide locations in the form of brief intervention sessions with healthcare professionals, usually taking place across 6 to 8 appointments. Other services include live 1 to 1 online chat, phone based support provided by a counsellor and text support. All Jigsaw services are highlighted on www.jigsaw.ie

The HSE are in continued engagement with its NGO partner Jigsaw. Jigsaw has agreed the lease on the property that they intend to use in Thurles, County Tipperary.

Jigsaw is currently involved in a recruitment process which is progressing well. Once staff have been selected, the staff induction programme will commence prior to the premises being complete to minimise any delays in opening.

A time schedule for the premises has not been confirmed, but it is expected it will be within Q1 of 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds



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