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**Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2**

RE: PQ 4835/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting psychiatric appointments in Letterkenny University Hospital”.

Dear Deputy Tóibín

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 Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for the Donegal Mental Health Service (DMHS).

Donegal Mental Health Services can confirm that as of 29th January 2021 there are no patients awaiting psychiatric appointments in Letterkenny University Hospital.

The Department of Psychiatry (DOP) at the Letterkenny University Hospital is an Approved Centre regulated by the Mental Health Commission and provides support to people in need of Acute Mental Health support.

All other non acute presentations are assessed and supported by the Community Mental Health teams based in different locations across County Donegal.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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