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Deputy Martin Browne,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 11141/21

To ask the Minister for Health when a premises (details supplied) in County Tipperary is due to open. -Martin Browne

PQ 11139/21

To ask the Minister for Health if two premises (details supplied) that were due to be established in Clonmel and Nenagh, County Tipperary are still to go ahead; if he will clarify the comments made by the director of communications for the premises that all services for County Tipperary will be provided from the Thurles premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne

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.

I can confirm that the Jigsaw services for County Tipperary will operate out of a single location. In early February 2021, Jigsaw signed a lease for a premises that is located in Thurles Technology Park. Progress towards securing this premises was slower than anticipated. While there were a range of reasons for this delay (further complicated by the Covid 19 pandemic), the location in Thurles Technology Park is secured and this premises will be the Jigsaw hub.

Jigsaw now needs to go through a transparent tendering process for the works that are needed on the premises to fit it out as a youth mental health service. That tender has now issued and, all going to schedule, the intention is that the contract will be awarded and works commenced within 6 weeks. Jigsaw has been advised that the works themselves will take a further 6-8 weeks to complete.

Recruitment of the team for Jigsaw in Tipperary is almost complete with just one post remaining to fill. The first members of the team will begin to take up post in late April. Jigsaw has organised for induction of that team to take place off site while works on the new premises are completed.



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Jigsaw is working extremely hard to move through all of these steps in as short a time as is possible. It is estimated that, if each component happens according to schedule, the premises will be ready during the month of June. While aware a number of areas here are outside of their control (statutory approvals, refurbishment and fit out process and works, etc.) Jigsaw will continue to work to this target date.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. O'Brien'.

Thomas O'Brien
General Manager Mental Health Services