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**PQ 16302/21:** To ask the Minister for Health the details of the plans for Jigsaw to provide a service in Clondalkin, Dublin 22; the location of same; the regularity with which it will be physically in Clondalkin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Jigsaw are funded by the HSE to provide early intervention mental health services which focus on the needs of 12-25 year olds. It is staffed by fully-trained professionals across a number of disciplines, Jigsaw provide a range of community based mental health services for young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties. During the pandemic they adapted their service models to ensure continuity of support by delivering therapeutic interventions by phone and online.

Jigsaw's service in Dublin South West is available to young people from across the South Dublin County Council area, including Clondalkin. At present, due to Covid 19 restrictions, services are being offered largely over video and phone. It is important to note that the number of appointments offered to young people are unaffected by this situation. As soon as there is an easing of restrictions, face to face service will resume in Clondalkin where Jigsaw has an arrangement with Archways in Clondalkin Village for use of a number of rooms. This will begin on a 2 day per week basis but will be kept under review.

I trust this clarifies matters.

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