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Mr. James Browne TD
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PQ 54073/21

To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a diabetes psychology resource to the County Wexford community diabetes specialist team hub under the Integrated Model of Care for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease Implementation Guide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Minister Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

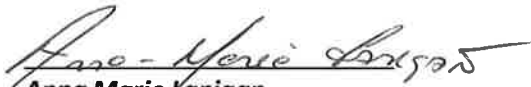
Recruitment of the diabetes team for chronic disease management is in process. The staffing for the team is based on the national chronic disease service model for diabetes. There is no inclusion of Psychology as part of this team.

There are no current Psychology posts within primary care in Wexford who provide a service specifically to diabetic clients. There are no current plans to recruit additional psychology posts in Wexford specific to diabetes.

Children with a diagnosis of diabetes may be referred to the local Child and Adolescent Primary Care Psychology service for their Psychology needs. A waiting list of approximately 200 weeks exists for this service.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anna Marie Lanigan
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