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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which the HSE operates its Self-Harm Intervention Programme - Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

In 2014, the National Clinical Programme for the Assessment and Management of Patients who present to the Emergency Department (NCP SH) was introduced in a number of Emergency Departments (ED). In 2016, an agreed Model of Care was published and the service expanded. It established a clinical framework to ensure that any person who presents to the ED following self-harm or with suicide-related ideation receives a compassionate, empathic, validating response, and a therapeutic assessment and intervention from a suitably trained mental health professional; that every effort is made to ensure that a family member or supportive adult is involved in assessment and safety planning, and that they are followed up and linked to appropriate next care.

Consultant Psychiatrists, Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists and non-Consultant Hospital Doctors are responsible for delivering the programme, with Area Management Teams from each service ensuring it is fully implemented. The funding and appointment of dedicated Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) has contributed to the improvements in response for people with self-harm or suicide-related ideation.

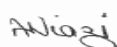
The Clinical Programme is delivered in 24/7 Emergency Departments. Data is collected in each ED. As of November 2021 the programme is resourced to be delivered in ED's that are open 24/7 and in the three paediatric Emergency Departments in Dublin. The full list is detailed in the table below.

ED Department	Hospital Model Type	CHO
Navan	3	8
Our Lady's Drogheda	3	8
Mayo General	3	2
Cavan General Hospital	3	1
Connolly Hospital	4	9

Kerry General	3	4
UHG	4	2
Portiuncula Hospital	3	2
Letterkenny	3	1
Sligo General Hospital	3	1
CUH	4	4
Mercy Hospital, Cork	4	4
Mater Hospital	4	9
Beaumont Hospital	4	9
St. Vincent's Hospital	4	6
Kilkenny	3	5
Tullamore	3	8
Portlaoise	3	8
South Tipperary General	3	5
Limerick Regional Hospital	3	3
Naas	3	7
Mullingar (Liaison)	3	8
Waterford	3	5
Wexford	3	5
St. James' Hospital	4	7
Tallaght	4	7
Temple Street		9
Crumlin		9
Tallaght Paeds		9

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

Yours sincerely,



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