

South East Community Healthcare, Mental Health Services, St. Canice's Hospital Complex, Kilkenny R95P231

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Ms. Verona Murphy TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

## PQ 50624 21

To ask the Minister for Health the provisions his Department is taking for the implementation of a crisis resolution team for County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy Murphy** 

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 this matter and the following is the position:

I can confirm that Waterford Mental Health Services has been scheduled as a pilot site for the development of a Crisis Resolution Service. The Crisis Resolution Service is a community based first time response to individuals presenting in crisis and will be used as a community diversion from Emergency Departments. The Crisis Response Team will engage with people in their homes and will divert service users to appropriate service provision after the crisis intervention stage.

As this is a pilot service there will be ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the Crisis Resolution Service in order to inform future roll out of this service to other catchment areas in the future.

Should you require any further information in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Yours Sincerely** 

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