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“To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact the special needs psychiatrist previously handling patients in counties Cork and Kerry, has ceased seeing patients based in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

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.

Mental Health Intellectual Disability (MHID) Services within Kerry Mental Health Services were supported by Dr Catherine Coakley, MHID Consultant based in Cork. From August 2020, Dr. Catherine Coakley commenced discharging her Kerry clients and she has since retired from the services.

Management have been actively working on recruiting a Mental Health Intellectual Disability Consultant for the adult population in Kerry with a MHID diagnosis and I can confirm that to date the service have interviewed 4 Consultants for the post and have recently secured an experienced MHID Consultant who is due to commence employment with Kerry Mental Health Services on 6th December 2021.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Kind regards,

Mr Kevin Morrison
A/Head of Mental Health Services
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