



15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Bernard Durkan TD  
Leinster House  
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**Re:** PQ ref 61614/22

To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to augment child and adult mental health services in CH07; if the precise measures deemed to be necessary are being taken forthwith; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Bernard J. Durkan

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Dear Deputy

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has requested that the HSE respond directly to you on this matter. I have examined the question raised and the following outlines the position.

The strategic development of HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare (CHO7) Mental Health services is informed by our national mental health policy *Sharing the Vision – A Mental Health Policy for Everyone 2020* and *Connecting for Life: Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2024*. The recommendations of *Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone* sets a particular focus on promotion, prevention and early intervention including improved integration between physical and mental health.

HSE Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare Specialist Mental Health services are informed by a person-centred and recovery approach, our services include:

- Acute Inpatient Services (Lakeview Unit, Naas General Hospital, Jonathan Swift Clinic, St James Hospital, Acute Mental Health Unit at Tallaght University Hospital, Linn Dara Inpatient Acute Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).
- Day Hospitals
- Outpatient Clinics
- Community Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Community General Adult Mental Health Services including homeless services.
- Psychiatry of Later Life services (PLL)
- Mental Health of Intellectual Disability (MHID)
- Community Residential Houses
- Sub-specialties include rehabilitation and recovery, ADHD and Eating Disorders in CAMHS, liaison psychiatry and, peer support and recovery education.



The Clinical Programmes and new models of care being developed and implemented in HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Mental Health Services are:

- Further development of the Eating Disorder Service in CAMHS.
- Development of MHID Services in Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow.
- Allocation of Self-Harm Nurses in St James's Hospital and Tallaght Hospital
- Enhancement of South Kildare Team CAMHS.
- Implementation of Talking Therapies Demonstrator Site in Kildare & West Wicklow.
- Implementation of the stepped model of care for the Homeless Access Team with the allocation of nine posts.
- Development of Adult and CAMHS ADHD services.
- Recruitment of a Traveller Mental Health Co-ordinator.
- Further development of the Liaison service in Naas General Hospital
- The funding of a youth mental health project in Kildare
- Delivery on the actions as laid out in our Connecting For Life Strategy

HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Mental Health Services are working with HSE Estates and stakeholders to develop Mental Health Infrastructure within the area:

- Lakeview development is progressing through the approval process
- Progress the redevelopment of St James unit began with engagement between Mental Health and St James.
- Development of Rialto (Dublin 8), Athy (Co. Kildare), Baltinglass (Co. Wicklow) and Steeple House (Dublin 22) facilities for Mental Health services.
- Hostel development progressing through Estates and Capital applications in line with Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Brady".

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Mr. Kevin Brady, Head of Service Mental Health

HSE Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare