

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

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Johnny Mythen TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

## PQ 6080/22

To ask the Minister for Health the current out of hours mental health services for children and adults in County Wexford; the current plans to expand the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy Mythen** 

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:

The current out of hours provision for Adults is provided via an on call consultant rota covering 17:00 – 09:00 and 24 hours Saturday & Sunday. There is liaison nursing based on the Acute Hospital is in place each weekend from 09:00-17:00.

The current out of hours provision for Child & Adolescents is provided via an on call consultant rota covering 17:00 - 09:00 and 24 hours Saturday & Sunday accessible via the Acute Hospitals.

There are ongoing discussions exploring the potential to expand the services including the exploration of a Child & Adolescent Liaison services in the Acute Hospitals.

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

**Yours Sincerely** 

**David Heffernan** 

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**Head of Mental Health Services South East Community Healthcare**