

21st February 2022

Ms Neasa Hourigan, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2,

PQ ref 6771/22

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1719 of 19 January 2021, the population size of the North Lee and South Lee catchments served by a new adult mental health rehabilitation consultant psychiatrist in County Cork; if there will be a full multi-disciplinary team working alongside them; the timeframe for their recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 refer to the above PQ in relation to rehabilitation team within Cork Mental Health Services. As outlined in PQ ref 1412/22 the new Rehabilitation Consultant will focus on providing a service to several of our community residences in North and South Lee as outlined below:

North Lee (Total Population 192,106)

- Gougane Barra House
- Garnish House
- St Coleman’s House
- Patients from North Lee area that are admitted to St Stephen’s Hospital

South Lee (Total Population 200,984)

- St Catherine’s Ward, St Stephen’s Hospital
- Glenmalure House

At this time, Cork Mental Health Services have one dedicated Rehabilitation and Recovery Specialist team which covers the North Cork Catchment area with a total population 92,726.

The new Consultant post for North and South Lee will be advertised in the coming weeks. We are hopeful that further funding may be available for a full multidisciplinary rehab team in the future and discussions are ongoing in relation to this with our National colleagues.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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