

2nd February 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2,

PQ ref 1412/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the population size that will be served by a new community adult mental health rehabilitation team in County Cork; the timeframe for the appointment of team members; the details of the recruitment processes underway; 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.

At this time, Cork Mental Health Services have one dedicated Rehabilitation and Eecoverly Specialist Team which covers the North Cork Catchment area with a population 92,657.

Furthermore, we are pleased to inform you that the recruitment process is underway for a dedicated Rehabilitation Consultant Psychiatrist in North Lee and South Lee which we hope will be advertised in the coming weeks. The Rehabilitation Consultant will work with the service users of our community residences in North and South Lee. The Consultant will also provide a service to new patients from North Lee who are admitted to St Stephens Hospital. This rehabilitation team will focus on providing a service to the community residences in the first instance.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



Mr Kevin Morrison
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