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**Ms Claire Kerrane T.D.**  
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PQ ref 3681/22

*\* To ask the Minister for Health the funding available in counties Roscommon and Galway to provide mental health services for the Traveller community including funding for child focused supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.\**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

Please be advised that currently the only dedicated funding available for Travellers' Mental Health in Roscommon and Galway is in the form of a dedicated Coordinator for Travellers Mental Health for the Region. In addition, the HSE Traveller Health Unit in Community Healthcare West monitors Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on information, signposting and advices provided around mental health for Travellers in Roscommon and Galway, but with no dedicated funds specifically for mental health.

This year Community Healthcare West have been successful in receiving a dedicated Traveller Mental Health Liaison Nurse. Recruitment of this post will begin in the coming months.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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