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Mr Peter Burke T.D.,
Minister of State for Planning and Local Government,
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government,
The Custom House,
Dublin 1

Re - Parliamentary Question - 30299/22

Dear Minister Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond in the context of your recent correspondence regarding the funding allocation to the Midlands region for the treatment of eating disorders in the past five years; the training that is being given to specialist staff in these units; if there are assessment facilities for autism in these units. The following outlines the response to the matters raised in your question.

- No direct funding has been allocated to Midlands Mental Health for the provision of a clinical program for the treatment of eating disorders.
- There has been Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training for eating disorders for staff on Adult and Child and Adolescent Mental Health teams. In addition there is training and supervision for Child and Adolescent Mental Health staff on Family Based Therapy for eating disorders.
- There is no specialist adult unit; we await the roll out nationally of the identified regional teams.
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health in-patient treatment for eating disorders is on a regional basis in the Linn Dara unit in Cherry Orchard.
- The assessment of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) is carried out in Primary Care and Disability Services.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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