

18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Deputy Pa Daly  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 21790/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when a permanent consultant psychiatrist will be put in place for north Kerry adult mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Daly,

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.

Please be advised that every effort is being made by management in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Mental Health Services to recruit a permanent Consultant Psychiatrist for the North Kerry Adult Mental Health Service. Unfortunately, these efforts have been successful to date. In the interim a number of measures to provide consultant cover have been put in place, including the provision of emergency consultant cover arrangements from within the current consultant cohort in Kerry Mental Health Services.

Please note that management are looking at adopting other innovative measures which may include the use of telemedicine until such time a permanent Consultant Psychiatrist is in place.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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