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**Re: PQ ref 26900/22 "To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he will take to improve mental health services within the University Hospital Limerick Hospital Group for the large number of persons who are suffering with mental health issues who are being let down by the system in place in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy O Donoghue,

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to Mental Health Services provided in University Hospital Limerick.

The Mental Health Services responds to people with mental health difficulties following a referral by their General Practitioner to Community Mental Health Teams in the area during 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. In the event of an emergency these services users can avail of our out of hours service. This includes out of hours services in North Tipperary, Crisis Team in Acute Psychiatric Unit, Ennis and Crisis Liaison in Emergency Department in University Hospital Limerick.

Those that require the input of our Mental Health Services can attend the Emergency Department in Limerick which has a Crisis Liaison Services 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Individuals that present are reviewed by a member of the Crisis Liaison Team and provide the care based on their needs.

We are continually reviewing our service to ensure we are providing the best possible service to the population of Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary.

I trust this answers your queries, please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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**Nuala Kelly**  
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