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To ask the Minister for Health the mental health services that are available at each primary care centre in the area of County Tipperary covered by CHO5; and if there are plans to expand the mental health services available at these centres.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

South East Community Healthcare (SECH) Mental Health Service

SECH Mental Health Services use Primary Health Centres as follows:

- Clonmel East Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) operate a satellite clinic in Carrick on Suir Primary Health Care Centre on the first Thursday of the month from 1.30pm to 5pm.
- CAMHS Team 1 use Spafield Resource Centre on Tuesday & Wednesdays and Tipperary Town Primary Care Centre on Thursday and Fridays to provide service to children from their sector.
- Clonmel West CMHT, Cashel and Tipperary CMHT do not use satellite clinics in Primary Care Health Centres at present but use their own Mental Health accommodation to provide Outpatient Clinics and other MDT services.

SECH Primary Care Service:

I have also liaised with colleagues in SECH Primary Care who have advised that the following services are provided in the primary care setting in the South Tipperary area:

Mental Health Advance Nurse Practitioners

- One Nurse based in Cashel Primary Care Services with a role in early intervention assessment and intervention with integration between primary care and secondary care according to principles of Slaintecare.
- One Nurse based in Clonmel Primary Care Services with a role in Perinatal Mental Health Primary Care pre and postnatal care of the pregnant woman with mental health issues up to 1 year post delivery.

These posts developed out of an initial Vision for Change project in 2005, when the Nurse in the Cashel area was initiated, followed by the second post in 2007. There are currently approximately 10 similar posts around the country.

Psychology Services

Primary Care also provide a psychology services to children 0-18 years presenting with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. The main centres are Clonmel and Cashel. There is a Psychologist based in Cahir Primary Care Centre and clinics provided in Tipperary Town and Carrick-on-Suir.

I trust that this is of assistance. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,



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