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Deputy Pearse Doherty
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PQ Ref 51238/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if access to out-of-hours and weekend cover for mental health services is available in the County Donegal catchment area of the HSE, including nursing, psychology and other allied health services; if so, if he will provide details of these services by WTE across each division.

Dear Deputy Doherty

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Question, I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Donegal Mental Health Service (DMHS).

Community Mental Health Nursing;

DMHS have one nurse at a Community Mental Health Nurse (CMHN) level within each Community Mental Health Team. They provide support at weekends to service users who have been identified as requiring additional support by another member of the team.

DMHS also have a Liaison / Self Harm service available through the Emergency Department in Letterkenny University Hospital for assessment over the seven day service period. In addition, there is a weekend service (1 nurse) available to the service users attending the acute Day Hospital (Parkview House) in Letterkenny to provide support and intervention.

This is the total nursing compliment on a seven day service model that is not part of a residential service.

Psychology Services;

The Psychology services in the main work between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday. On occasion the Psychology Service provides exceptional out of hours services such as groups (when suitable to clients) and the Psychology Department also provides a response service to critical incidents.

Social Work and Occupational Therapy Services;

Mental Health Social Work and Occupational Therapy Services do not provide out of hours cover. Both Social Work and Occupational Therapy provide a service to all Community Mental Health Teams, Mental Health Intellectual Disability, Mental Health Service for Older People and Acute Mental Health Services Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, if you have any further queries on this matter please let me know.



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Yours sincerely

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