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**Deputy Michael Lowry**  
**Abbey Road**  
**Thurles**  
**Co Tipperary**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Re: PQ REF 44810/22 "To ask the Minister for Health if a full-time psychiatrist is assigned to St. Marys Health Centre, Thurles, County Tipperary; if so, the number of hours per week and the number of days per week that they work; if there are any plans to increase the availability of mental health psychiatrist services in the Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Lowry,

There is a Consultant Psychiatrist in St Marys Community Mental Health Team, Thurles twice a week, every Tuesday & Thursdays (14 Hours weekly, 56 Hours Monthly) and twice a month (14 Hours) the Consultant Psychiatrist operates a satellite clinic in Roscrea. On the other days the Consultant is attending to her Thurles Service users in the Acute Psychiatric Unit in Ennis, Co Clare as well as on call duties. The consultant is available on the phone to consult two Senior House Officers who are in St Marys Day Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nuala Kelly".

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**Nuala Kelly**  
**Head of Service,**  
**Mid-West Mental Health Service**