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**Re: PQ REF 3886/23 "To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the mental health crisis de-escalation team in Limerick; the number of positions that are filled; the number of positions that are left to be filled; the expected opening of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter".**

Dear Deputy Ward

Thank you for your recent correspondence. I wish to clarify that the team that is being established in Limerick is a Crisis Resolution Team. The Crisis Resolution Services (CRS) will offer a brief and intensive multidisciplinary, community based assessment and treatment for individuals experiencing acute crisis, for which community based or home treatment would be appropriate in line with the National Model of Care for Crisis Resolution Services.

The Crisis Resolution Team is a multi-disciplinary consultant-led service. HSE Mid West Community Healthcare has commenced a recruitment process for a Consultant Psychiatrist to lead the Team. We are currently exploring all options including the use of a locum consultant to support the Team pending the appointment of a full-time consultant.

The other posts approved for this team are:

- Senior Registrar
- Senior Social Worker
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Senior Occupational Therapist
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Senior Clinical Psychologist and
- Grade IV Administrator

Recruitment for these posts will commence shortly.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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

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Nuala Kelly  
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