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PQ ref 4172/23 "To ask the Minister for Health how a person in County Clare can avail of dialectical behavioural therapy given there is no provision for that service in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Wynne,

140 staff have completed levels one and two of Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT) in the Autumn of 2022. A further 5 people have completed Level 1 and will complete Level 2 on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. There is a further workshop available in February 2023.

Levels three and four will be then offered to staff who wish to progress further and qualify to deliver the model. Level three and four qualify staff to deliver DBT.

Once a sufficient number of staff are trained the model will be made available to those who qualify for the treatment. The timeline is dependent of the completion of the training for those staff who have made themselves available through expressions of interest.

Yours Sincerely,

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