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PQ Number: 28382/23 PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health what is required by county to apply for a Jigsaw Project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Jigsaw have provided the following information:

Jigsaw operates a network of local youth mental health services (in 14 communities at present). These services are funded through a service agreement with the HSE. Development of new Jigsaw services in local communities comes about when new HSE funding is made available. The HSE and Jigsaw consider a variety of factors in determining locations for new service development. These include youth population as a percentage of national youth population (as an indicator of the extended reach that would be offered by a potential service), service need, premises requirements/availability.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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