

**Deputy Marian Harkin**  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**1<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

**RE: PQ 31256/23** - To ask the Minister for Health if the part-time psychiatric nurse service, provided to clients in County Sligo, will be re-instated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter – Marion Harkin

**Dear Deputy Harkin**

I refer to your recent correspondence. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Sligo Leitrim Mental Health Service.

Mental Health Services continue to be delivered for the Easkey and wider West Sligo area, there is no reduction in service provision.

Seven day mental health nursing services continue to be based in Ballymote Primary Care Centre, providing outreach to many rural locations. Additional service developments currently underway include the transition of supported residential services in Easkey, which historically have been under the responsibility of the Easkey Mental Health Association now moving under the stewardship of HAIL housing association.

HAIL in conjunction with the HSE, will continue to provide mental health supports, structures and staff, in an effort to ensure people who live with mental health difficulties continue to reside in accommodations which are independent but supported where needed. This includes the provision of OPD clinics, Community Nursing support and permanent Health Care Assistant presence in the Easkey area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you

Yours sincerely



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