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11th April 2023

Re: PQ ref 13241/23 "To ask the Minister for Health the steps he intends to take to ensure that delays to the appointment of a dialectical behavioural team in the Mid-West are overcome in as short a timeframe as possible".

Dear Deputy Crowe,

There are a large cohort of staff that have received preliminary training in the DBT Model.

Training/implementation of the model requires that they are eight staff available to provide a DBT model of care. Availability is subject to staff expressing interest and a capacity being identified wherein staff can be released to provide the intervention. This capacity is currently being assessed within the service regionally and it is anticipated that this would be completed in the coming weeks.

Relatedly, a significant response has been received from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services staff for training in the Family Connections (DBT) training. This training will be delivered in early summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nuala Kelly", is written over a horizontal line.

Nuala Kelly
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