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**PQ 46144/23** - *“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reopening of Keltoi”*

**PQ 51451/23** - *“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reopening of Keltoi”*

**PQ 54817/23** - *“To ask the Minister for Health the estimated timeline for the reopening of Keltoi”*

**- Thomas Gould TD**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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

HSE Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) in collaboration with the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis continue to endeavor to establish a National Dual Diagnosis Residential Treatment Unit at the Keltoi facility. This development is currently at project initiation stage. The proposed project budget is €2,070,000. A Capital Submission for the project has been approved. Unfortunately, no funding for this project was allocated in Budget 2024.

While sourcing funding to deliver a residential Dual Diagnosis Unit, the HSE are in discussion to commence a Dialectical Behavioral Therapy day service. This is a cognitive based therapy that is extremely beneficial when clients are dealing with addiction. This service will be aimed at addiction service clients who are seeking abstinence from mood altering substances. It is envisaged that the service will commence before the end of May 2024.

In the interim, Residential Care Workers have been redeployed to day addiction services. Clients can get access to the service through the normal referral process of GP referral, addiction professionals, hospitals or care in the community. I am pleased to advise the internal HSE team who were the previous Keltoi counsellors will integrate this into the new Dual Diagnosis model when it opens.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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