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PQ ref 40290/23 "To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 661 of 31 January 2023, what efforts have since been made (For people from County Clare to avail of Dialectical Behavioural Therapy); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

A DBT programme can only be delivered by a minimum of eight DBT trained staff. At present there are 6 staff who have completed Modules 1&2 (Introduction to DBT & Applying DBT principles in healthcare) and are going on to complete Modules 3&4 (DBT Group Skills Training & DBT individual Therapy Training). There are already 2 fully trained staff in Clare. The training is expected to be completed by the end of this year. It is anticipated that referrals can be taken at that stage.

Yours Sincerely,

**Claire Collier** 

A/Head of Service

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