



**18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Mr. Paul Donnelly TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**PQ 39172/24** – *“To ask the Minister for Health if funding for Health can be allocated to a therapy service in Dublin to continue the essential work they do in the community in providing low-cost counselling (details supplied)”* - **Paul Donnelly TD**  
**DETAILS SUPPLIED:** Genesis psychotherapy and Family therapy service in Corduff in Dublin 15

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

I can confirm we have invested in additional Mental Health posts and supports for the area. We have not received any new service development funding 2024/2025 and are not currently in a position to grant funding at this time.

Clients who are on the waiting list for counselling are provided with information about supports that might be helpful during the waiting time:

- Connect Counselling: Freephone: 1800 477 477; <https://connectcounselling.ie/> (HSE Funded service)
- Pieta House: Freephone: 1800 247 247 [www.pieta.ie](http://www.pieta.ie).
- YourMentalHealth Information Line for help finding supports and services: Freephone 1800 111 888, [https://www2.hse.ie/mentalhealth/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMlqvSEupLzgAMVcYBQBh2J8w1uEAAYASAAEgKvFvD\\_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds](https://www2.hse.ie/mentalhealth/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMlqvSEupLzgAMVcYBQBh2J8w1uEAAYASAAEgKvFvD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds)
- Text About It: Text 50808 -A free, anonymous, 24/7 messaging service providing support for mental health and wellbeing.

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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**Covering Dublin North County, Dublin North City and West**