

16th June 2025

Deputy Pat Buckley,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 19829/25

“To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if Midleton, County Cork is in the catchment area for early intervention psychosis service; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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

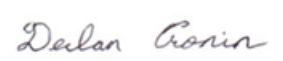
EIST (Early Intervention Screening & Treatment) Early Intervention in Psychosis (EIP) Team currently has 6.1 WTE on the team and is intended to operate as a half EIP Team and provides an EIP Service to catchment areas of City North East, City North West and Cobh/Glanmire catchment areas (population, 106, 102).

The recommended staffing for a full EIP Team covering a catchment area of 200,000 is 20 WTE. Therefore the 6.1 WTE currently allocated to EIST is approximately 30% of the recommended staffing.

At present, EIST remains open to referrals from the above catchment area. This is being kept under review as any unexpected leave challenges the ability to meet the needs of the existing service users engaged in the 3 year programme whilst having the ability to take new referrals and provide these individuals with the recommended Early Intervention in Psychosis Programme

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Declan Cronin
Acting Head of Mental Health Services
HSE South West