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Jen Cummins TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 10277/25

Re: Saint John of God Liffey Services

"To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the lack of psychiatry supports in a service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter."

-Jen Cummins

Dear Deputy Cummins,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the availability of psychiatric supports within the SJOG service.

The HSE is actively working to recruit for a Consultant psychiatrist for MHID for SJOG and the Kildare region and a meetings have taken place with HSE Disability Services, Mental Health Services and SJOG. These discussions have been constructive, and positive progress is being made to address the lack of psychiatry supports within the service.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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