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RE: PQ ref 11495/25 - To ask the Minister for Health when a dedicated public specialist unit will be provided for Limerick and the mid-west to treat children and adolescents with eating disorders; if she will provide an update in relation to the newly established consultant-led multidisciplinary team in CHO3/Limerick to diagnose and treat children and adolescents with eating disorders; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O Dea,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Minister for Mental Health, Mary Butler has announced an Eating Disorder Team for the HSE Mid West being funded under Budget 2025. This new CAMHS eating disorder team will cover Limerick city, county and county Clare. The commencement of the team in the Mid West is part of the nationwide rollout of the HSE's National Clinical Programme on Eating Disorders.

The Following posts have been approved for the team

Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist	1 WTE
Senior Dietician	1 WTE
Senior Clinical Psychologist	1 WTE
Clinical Nurse Specialist	1 WTE
Senior Social Worker	1 WTE
Administration (Grade IV)	1 WTE
Advanced Nurse Practitioner	1 WTE



We have established a working group and are engaging with the National Clinical Programme around the development of this specialist team in the Mid West. We are awaiting receipt of primary notifications and upon receipt, we will commence recruitment of the staff for the team without delay.

Yours Sincerely,

Nuala Kelly Head of Service - Mental Health Services, HSE Mid West