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Deputy Matt Carthy
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Re: PQ ref 13758/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the current risk assessment and management policies that guide the home based treatment team in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service; when these policies were last revised; if there are plans to review these policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy

I refer to your recent correspondence. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service.

Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service have been delivering homebased treatment services since 1998.

The Home Based Treatment Team (HBTT) provides a thorough mental health service in a person's home instead of a hospital and treatment options at home and in the community are the preferred options of patients and their families. The HBTT service has resulted in significant reduction in the need for bed based services in Cavan Monaghan, promoting hospital avoidance, reduced length of stay and enhancing the ability to manage service users with long term mental health illnesses at home. This has resulted in CMMHS having a consistently low bed occupancy in the acute psychiatric admission unit, with no occasions when an acute bed was not available when it was required.

Homebased treatment (HBTT) is provided by the General Adult and Mental Health Services for the Elderly community mental health teams. The HBTT service is delivered on a seven-day basis operating from 09:00 hours to 19:00 hours daily.

There are currently two risk assessment and management policies that guide the home based treatment team in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service as follows -

- Referral, Admission and Discharge to the Home Based Treatment Team

This policy is reviewed in line with national standards, every three years, and is next due to be reviewed in October 2026.

- Risk Management Policy Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Services

This policy was last reviewed in 2024 and is valid for three years with a review date of July 2027.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, however should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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