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Deputy Matt Carthy
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 13759/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if the home based treatment team in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service operates a specific discharge safety plan; if such a plan mandates active service user participation and or the participation of family members and interested third parties; 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. 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.

The Home Based Treatment Team in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service complete a patient specific safety plan on admission and it is not time limited. It remains operational during service user admission under Home Based Treatment Team and after discharge. It can be updated as required.

Service users have active involvement in it. Carers and third parties can participate depending on service users choice."

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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