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Erin McGreehan TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of outpatient services at the Drogheda Department of psychiatry, Crosslanes, Drogheda, County Louth.

Dear Deputy Mc Greehan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

The Drogheda Department of Psychiatry (DDOP) is an approved acute inpatient unit. There are no plans to develop an outpatient service within the DDOP. Outpatient services are delivered through Community Mental Health Teams by sectors. A sector is the population unit looked after by a Community Mental Health Team.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Lennon, General Manager, Mental Health Services, Louth Meath