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Conor McGuinness TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 52302/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health to consider establishing a drop in mental health service in Dungarvan; if funding is available for such a service; and if she will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy McGuinness

In 2023, the HSE invested in the development of a National Model of Care for Crisis Resolution Services across six pilot sites. One of the pilot sites is Waterford where there is a well-established Crisis Resolution Team, the second element is the delivery of a Crisis Café Service, nationally branded as Solace Cafés. The Waterford Café will open in the coming weeks on New Street in the Waterford City.

The Café will operate Thursday to Sunday evenings offering non-clinical, community based support, advice and signposting to services. The Café is available to everyone across the city and county and with excellent public transport links from Dungarvan to Waterford, it is anticipated that residents from the county will avail of the service. The National Model of Care will be rigorously evaluated with a view to extend Crisis Resolution Services into all areas.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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