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Deputy John Curran TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ 17104/19 Question: To ask the Minister for Health the relevant criteria with regard to minimum staffing requirements and service levels necessary for a jigsaw service to be funded by the HSE -John Curran

Dear Deputy Curran,

The Health Service Executive 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 the following outlines the position.

At present, there is a network of 12 Jigsaw services covering the following areas and reaching 61.5% of the youth population

- Kerry
- Galway/Roscommon
- Donegal
- Cork
- Limerick
- Offaly
- Dublin City
- Dublin 15
- North Fingal
- Tallaght
- Clondalkin
- Meath

In 2018, an independent evaluation of the Jigsaw Service model (commissioned by the HSE) was completed, concluding that “the Jigsaw youth mental health service model is focused and robust, delivering evidence informed approaches...” (p. 47), and that “a plan for future development/ expansion of the Jigsaw model should be considered” (p.51).

Following on from the publication of this report, Jigsaw and the HSE have examined the options for further development of the Jigsaw network, against clear criteria.

Factors relevant to the selection of locations for further Jigsaw services are:

- Youth Population / % of national youth population (as an indicator of the extended reach offered by each potential service)
- Community Readiness
- CHO Area challenge level in the form of demand, needs, wait times.

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- Premises requirements/ availability
- Staffing considerations
- Jigsaw Regional Capacity
- Team size (which will vary depending on the population size and geographical spread of the catchment area)
- Annual recurring cost

Additional funding has been allocated for the development of a new Jigsaw service 2019 to assist in responding to youth mental health needs. With this in mind HSE Mental Health Services will commence the process for development of new Jigsaw services in the Tipperary and Wicklow areas, with a view to the service being operational by the end of Q4 2019 / end of Q1 2020 at latest.

On-going review of progress at key stages of development will be required to ensure we maximise the opportunity for development of services within available resources. Local engagement, commitment and encouragement of a collaborative model for young people will be essential to its successful development.

As part of ongoing planning for provision of services, the HSE will address the most effective process for aligning how Jigsaw, while embedding and stabilising its current provision, can further develop the most locally appropriate services -based on the prioritised level of need across all Community Local Health Areas and the type and volume of services required to meet those needs and the available funding.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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