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Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if funding to a service (details supplied) has been cut; if this is prohibiting the provision of additional services on the ground, particularly in relation to Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth

Details Supplied: Jigsaw Services

Deputy Smyth,

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.

Jigsaw is currently funded (through a Section 39 Service Agreement with the HSE) to deliver services in 14 local communities and through one online team. The online team delivers its Live Chat service to young people aged 12-25 years from across the Republic of Ireland (this is an anonymous, online, text based therapeutic service provided by qualified clinicians).

Jigsaw is currently in discussions with the HSE with a view to confirming its funding allocation for 2024 in order to maintain its existing level of service delivery. Currently, Jigsaw does not have a physical service located in Cavan. In order to develop any further services/teams, Jigsaw would require an additional allocation of funding on an annual basis. At present there is no indication that such additional funding will be available for 2024 and as such there are no immediate plans to develop any new Jigsaw services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Hennessy
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