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Deputy Brendan Griffin,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health when additional funding/services will be provided for the treatment of eating disorders (details supplied) in County Kerry.”

Details supplied:

“Since the pandemic there been huge delays for patients with eating disorders to be treated. This is a very urgent matter for the families involved”

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The Adult Eating Disorders Service aims to provide support and treatment for the recovery of service users with Eating Disorders in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare. The Adult Eating Disorder Team for Cork and Kerry opened to referrals on 9th January 2024.

Referral criteria:

- Over 18 years of age
- Resident primarily in the Cork Kerry Community Healthcare catchment area
- The service user has given consent for the referral
- The person receiving the service is willing and eager to participate in eating disorder treatment.
- The main diagnosis is an eating disorder that falls within the moderate to severe category.
- The eating disorder is so severe or complicated that it cannot be treated effectively by regular primary care or community mental health teams alone. It needs the expertise of a specialised adult eating disorders service.
- Referral form completed by GP/Consultant

CAREDS (Child and Adolescent Regional Eating Disorder Service) for Cork and Kerry and provides specialist eating disorder care for young people under the age of 18. CAREDS is an outpatient service based in Cork and work closely with a multidisciplinary team to provide specialist eating disorder care across the region. CAREDS accepts referrals from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, medical consultants and GPs.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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