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To ask the Minister for Health if there is full cover for CAMHS and for adult mental health and psychiatry patients in the Dungarvan area in County Waterford, or if it is only emergency locum cover that is available to users of these services in this area; and if service users cannot get appointments with the same recurring psychiatrist in the Dungarvan area, whether they can be transferred to Waterford city services.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and following is the current position.

There is a Multi-Disciplinary team for Adult Community Mental Health Services in the Dungarvan and West Waterford area. The CAMHS team based in Ferrybank Primary Care Centre also have a Multi-Disciplinary team which provides services to the Dungarvan and West Waterford area. Out of hours emergency services for both adult and CAMHS are assessed through liaison psychiatric services via the ED Department University Hospital Waterford.

A request for transfer to a different Community Mental Health team is a matter for the patient to discuss with his/her current treating Consultant to establish if the transfer can be facilitated based on catchment area and reason transfer is being requested.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Donaghey', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Ms Anne Donaghey
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