

9th June 2020

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Dear Ms Somers

I wish to refer to your letter concerning JIGSAW and apologise for the delay in responding.

Jigsaw are currently exploring options to improve its service delivery in South County Dublin, based around their new premises in Tallaght. It is understood that concern has been expressed by public representatives that the integration of its services into its new Tallaght premises will lead to a loss of service for Clondalkin.

Jigsaw remains fully committed to the young people of Clondalkin and surrounding areas and will continue to deliver mental health services to them and their families. Any decision to change the physical location of the service there will be made in line with Jigsaw's desire to continue to offer the best possible service to Clondalkin and surrounding areas. The new premises in Tallaght will bring together the Jigsaw Clondalkin and Jigsaw Tallaght teams, thus creating one larger, more resilient team to ensure stability and sustainability for the wider area over the long term. Jigsaw Tallaght and Jigsaw Clondalkin are now called Jigsaw Dublin South West.

Jigsaw point out that there will be no reduction in on their day-to-day work with young people and the community across Clondalkin, Lucan, Newcastle and Palmerstown.

In line with trends across Jigsaw's network nationally, the last 12 months have seen a 15% surge in demand for its services in Dublin South West. It has, and will continue to be, responsive to this demand to the best of its ability. What Jigsaw will offer to the community in Clondalkin in the future will expand, not contract. There will be a choice of locations for appointments (Tallaght or Clondalkin) and a new

e-Mental Health platform available to young parents, adults and professionals working with young people; and a new, integrated schools programme for the area.

Jigsaw, in partnership with the HSE, are best placed to develop services at local level. This is in keeping with the Government's commitment to either improve existing Jigsaw services, (such as in Dublin South West,) or to fund new Jigsaw sites (such as those for Wicklow and Tipperary that will come on-stream shortly).

The Department of Health, in conjunction with the HSE, will continue to closely monitor developments.

I hope that this information will be of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Daley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.