

**Question for written answer E-000975/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Timely response to mental health issues

Failure to address mental health problems has a major impact on those affected, as well as their families and communities. This is illustrated by the increasing number of crimes being committed, mainly against women, by people in their immediate circle who were regarded by those around them as being above suspicion until they committed their abhorrent acts.

It is therefore necessary to prioritise mental health as a key element of public health policy and work to address existing gaps.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what measures are being taken to promote early diagnosis and treatment for people with psychiatric disorders, and how they are being incorporated into primary health systems throughout the European Union?

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