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Deputy Jim Daly,
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Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

* To ask the Minister for Health the services, funding and treatments that are in place for a person suffering from eating disorders in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

In Cork there are no specialised dedicated services for eating disorders within the public health system. Individuals can access services through the GP referrals on to either Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services or Adult Mental Health Services. The current service provides the following interventions: Medical, Occupational Therapy and social and psychological interventions such as talking therapies and a range of behavioural management programmes.

There are also a number of voluntary organisations which the statutory services liaise closely with such as Bodywhys and The Shandon Therapy Centre.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Regards,

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