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Deputy Pearse Doherty TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

PQ 3882/19 Question: To ask the Minister for Health if home support services are available for persons under 65 years of age under CAMHS; if so, the process by which applications are made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty

Dear Deputy Doherty,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In order to provide a comprehensive response to this question I would like to clarify what is meant by the term home support services for persons under 65 years of age under CAMHS?

For clarification specialist mental health services are provided to those between 18 and 65 by general adult mental health teams; those under 18 who require specialist mental health services are seen by CAMHS teams.

The HSE provides home supports in many different guises including those provided for people with physical health needs/ disabilities e.g assistance with shopping, activities of daily living such as washing, dressing etc. Specialist secondary care mental health services do not provide these kinds of home supports although those with difficulties requiring home supports can access specialist mental health services when necessary. The Mental Health Services in general provide care based on a clinical assessment of a person's individual mental health needs. These services are provided by multidisciplinary teams as described in a Vision for Change.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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