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Deputy Imelda Munster
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE PQ 4276/19: To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used by Louth and Meath child and adolescent mental health services to accept a child into the service.

Dear Deputy Munster,

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

The criteria used are those addressed in the HSE National CAMHS Standard Operating Procedure and in general are where the child is suffering from a moderate to severe disorder including anxiety, school refusal, tic disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, severe emotional and behavioural disorders and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

A young person's referral is considered appropriate for CAMHS where the treatment at Primary Care level has been unsuccessful.

In addition the CAMHS Teams will see all children presenting with moderate to severe mood disorders, suicidality and suicidal or self-harm behaviours, psychosis or possible psychosis, eating disorders of moderate to severe impairment.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
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