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

RE PQ 4277/19: To ask the Minister for Health the range and type of conditions that the Louth and Meath child and adolescent mental health services deem not to be relevant or that do not warrant admission or assessment into their service; and the reasons for these decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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 Louth Meath Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) does not accept referrals for children and young people with moderate intellectual disability. In general these disorders are suitable for Primary Care Psychology and Disability Services respectively. Further to this CAMHS Teams do not accept referral for children and young people whose primary diagnosis is addiction to substances abuse or where the diagnosis is Autism without comorbid Mental Health Disorder.

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
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