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

RE PQ 4279/19: To ask the Minister for Health the advice given to parents and guardians and referrers as to further referral pathways available to children refused access to the Louth and Meath child and adolescent mental health services.

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.

A member of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Team review referrals daily. The referrals are then discussed at the Multidisciplinary Team Meeting on a weekly basis. If the child or young person's referral is deemed not appropriate, a letter to the referrer is issued advising them of the appropriate pathway regarding their referral. Parents are also copied into this letter.

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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