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Mr. Tommy Broughan, TD
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PQ 29350/19 To ask the Minister for Health the nature of the out of hours service provided by North Dublin CAMHS for children and families in crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Broughan,

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 up to date position. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The HSE CHO Dublin North City and County, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), provides a Consultant Psychiatry led Multi-Disciplinary Team assessment and treatment of children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health difficulties. Referrals are triaged and prioritised on the basis of clinical need and in line with national prescribed referral criteria. The service comprises eight CAMHS Teams and operates from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am to 5pm.

The CAMHS North Dublin Out of Hours service for children and young people up to the age of 16 years is provided by Temple Street Children's Hospital. They provide psychiatric and psycho-social assessment of children who present to hospital with deliberate self-harm, suicidal ideation or acute mental health crises. Adolescents aged 16-18 years who are in crisis should attend their GP who will signpost them to either the local Emergency Department at the Mater Hospital, Beaumont Hospital or Connolly Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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