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Deputy Thomas Neville TD
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Leinster House,
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 26982/19

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there is a phased joint handover to adult services for persons engaged in CAMHS when they reach 18 years of age -**Tom Neville**

Dear Deputy Neville,

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.

It is the role of CAMHS to provide appropriate multi-disciplinary mental health assessment and treatment. After an initial assessment is complete, each child or adolescent will have an Individual Care Plan which describes the levels of care and treatment needed to meet the assessed needs of the child or adolescent while they are attending CAMHS.

The HSE CAMHS Standard Operating Procedure, sets out the requirements for the provision of consistent care and treatment to Children and Adolescents, in order to ensure that the care offered reflects the identified clinical needs of the child.

(link to publication for ease of access - <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/camhs/camhssop.pdf>)

The extract from the Standard Operating Procedure hereunder outlines the process for a handover from CAMHS to Adult Mental Health Services where it is clinically indicated -

Transition to Adult Mental Health Services

Every young person of 17 years and above will require a 'transition' plan within their ICP if it is intended that their care will move onto general adult mental health services.

Not all young people require a transition plan, but it is essential that all are assessed for it and the outcome of the assessment of future need is recorded clearly.



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The issue of joint working between CAMHS and adult mental health services should be considered as an option in the initial weeks of handover to aid a smooth transition from one service to the other.

The young person's key worker will be responsible for managing a smooth handover to the adult mental health service.

Discharge planning focuses on recovery and includes a follow up plan with the GP and other appropriate community services/supports, based on current clinical need.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

Dr Sinead Reynolds
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