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Mr. Thomas P Broughan, TD,
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PQ Ref 12249/19 "To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a vacancy for a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist at the Mater CAMHS in Dublin; if the position will be filled to facilitate the estimated 150 patients of the consultant; 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 position.

I wish to confirm the Mater Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), transferred to the governance of the HSE with effect from 1st January 2014. The service is now known as the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), which provides a Consultant Psychiatry lead, Multi-Disciplinary Team assessment and treatment of children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health difficulties. The service comprises eight Community Mental Health Teams that are located across CHO Dublin North City and County area.

As you are aware there is an international shortage of Consultants for CAMHS which has presented a recruitment challenge experienced by a number of CHOs.

While CHO DNCC had two vacancies in Castleknock and Darndale, I am pleased to inform you both these vacancies were filled in February and March 2019 respectively. CHO DNCC regrets any disruption to this important service for young people and their families over this period and the filling of these vacancies is now seeing service return to normal levels.

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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