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“To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in place for children and adolescents that present at accident and emergency to a hospital (Cork University Hospital) in Cork City in need of mental health support and or psychiatric services; the details of the interaction between the hospital and CAMHS; his views that the current response and service provided is acceptable; his plans to improve the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy McGrath

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.

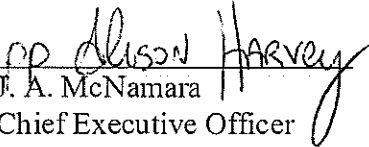
Children and young people presenting to the Emergency Department and requiring the services of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service are triaged by Emergency Department staff. At present there is no hospital based clinician from the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service and the hospital makes an external referral to that service to request a review of the patient.

There are plans for a Liason Child & Adolescent Psychiatry post which would greatly improve both the patients and hospitals access to this specialist service. Young people also require

improved treatment and/or admission pathways if required and the deficits in services is an issue of priority both in the acute hospital and community setting.

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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Chief Executive Officer