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Ms. Clare Daly, TD,
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To ask the Minister for Health his views on the announcement that due to the high number of referrals to the primary care mental health service, it is closed for new referrals from the Raheny, Donaghmede, Edenmore and Kilbarrack area for the remainder of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

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 a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to confirm that direct referrals continue to be made for clients from the Raheny, Donaghmede, Edenmore, and Kilbarrack areas to the Community Mental Health Team in Kilbarrack by their General Practitioner or alternatively by presenting to their local Emergency Department during out of hours and at weekends. Referrals can also be made to Target Counselling or the Counselling in Primary Care Services (CIPC).

In recent times, due to an unfortunate human error, a letter issued in relation to cessation of referrals in this regard which did not represent the factual position. On the 17th May 2019, at the earliest opportunity, Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) issued a statement to their service users expressing their sincere apologies for incorrect information that issued in a letter in relation to this matter.

I trust this clarifies the position but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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