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Deputy Mary Butler,  
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RE: PQ Ref 46065/19

**“To ask the Minister for Health his views on the lack of palliative care for paediatric patients in the South/South West Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Mary Butler**

Dear Deputy Butler,

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.

The Palliative Care Service for paediatric patients in the South/ South West Hospital Group is an integrated interdisciplinary service that is provided by both Acute and Community Services. The service is currently being reviewed to ensure that children of all ages that are in need of palliative care have access to the necessary care and expertise as and when required on a 24/7 basis.

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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