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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 48858/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives been taken to improve CAMHS in CHO8 and to also ensure there is no service gap when a transition to adult services occurs at 18 years of age - Declan Breathnach.

Dear Deputy Breathnach,

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 outline the position as follows.

In the last number of years the CAMHS service in Louth Meath has expanded from 4 teams to 6 teams as recommended by the Vision for Change Report. Each team is resourced with multi-disciplinary staff members and although we have not reached the recommended staffing levels we are in line with the rest of the country. The Young Persons Programme has also commenced and this is now operational in both Louth & Meath.

The new extension at St Mary's CAMHS in Drogheda is in operation and we are hoping to open new facilities for CAMHS in Dundalk and Ashbourne in the near future.

Following a meeting between CAMHS and Adult Mental Health teams, a protocol has been agreed which will ensure smooth transition of cases at 18 years of age.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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