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To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding paediatric palliative care in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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

As per all areas of the country, there are a range of possible services that manage both the child's generalist palliative and end of life needs. These are in place across the acute and community services involving acute medical teams, primary care and social care. This service provision is supported by close links with the Paediatric Specialist Palliative Care Team based at Crumlin. These services include but are not limited to:

- Community level: General Practitioner, Public Health Nursing, CareDoc
- Paediatric Medical teams supported by Children's Outreach Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Access to packages of care such as Jack and Jill foundation and Paediatric Home Care Packages

The service accessed and required is dependent on the diagnosis and presentation of symptoms, for example, a child with a life limiting condition (LLC) or an oncology life threatening need. The majority of children with a LLC will have palliative needs but rarely access Community Specialist Palliative Care Teams.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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