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Deputy Pat Buckley,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of the CAMHS advocacy model; and the CHO's in which it is available and utilised.

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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.

The HSE national Mental Health services set up a service improvement project in 2018 to oversee the development of an Advocacy Service for CAMHS Service users. A tender process was held and a contract awarded to YAP Ireland, to pilot an independent advocacy service on an incremental basis across CAMHS Services. The Service commenced in the 'Merlin Park' Inpatient unit in Qtr 2, 2018 and was extended to all CHO 2 CAMHS community services in Qtr 4 2018. In quarter 2, 2019 the service has been extended to the 'Linn Dara Inpatient unit in CHO 7. The HSE commissioned an independent evaluation of the service as part of the service improvement project to inform the further development of advocacy services within CAMHS and this report recommended the expansion of the CAMHS Advocacy service to the two remaining CAMHS inpatient units in CHO 4 and CHO 9. The process of expanding the service to these areas has commenced and it is hoped the service which will be delivered by YAP Ireland will be in place by the end of 2020.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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