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Deputy Johnny Mythen,  
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**\*Question: To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the meeting with the HSE and medical personnel which took place before Christmas 2019 concerning the provision for paediatric palliative care in the south-east taking into account that no paediatric services are available for counties Wexford, Carlow and the south-east at present, and if consideration will be given to providing this service to the families of sick children in the near future - Johnny Mythen.**

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Paediatric Palliative Care services in the South East are provided by the Lead Consultant Paediatrician for the child. It is essential that each child has the highest standards of care planning and symptom management.

Adult Specialist Palliative Care services in the South East support and advise the Lead Consultant Paediatrician on a case by case basis ensuring the needs of each child across the region are met.

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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