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**PQ ref 4358/20** – To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to deficiencies in the CAMHS helpline services made available to those in North County Dublin on CAMHS waiting lists; the solutions planned to ease the deficiencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  
-Duncan Smith TD

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 wish to apologise for the delay in responding to your question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the up to date position.

I can confirm Swords, Balbriggan and Darndale CAMHS clinics are situated in the North County Dublin area and are operational during business hours throughout the Covid 19 period.

The teams are contactable at Swords CAMHS (01)-8075392, Balbriggan CAMHS (01)-9213355 and Darndale CAMHS (01)-8771552.

The Swords CAMHS team was challenged for a short period of time as their Receptionist / Administrator post was vacant. I am pleased to advise this post has been subsequently filled.

CAMHS activity levels are reported to have increased compared to same period last year.

Mental Health Services are currently developing public health guided risk based approach to a phased resumption of services from the perspective of protecting those most vulnerable to infection.

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,

**Angela Walsh**  
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