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**17th September 2020,
Deputy David Cullinane,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

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To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full capital and current cost of moving to a seven-day week outpatient model of child and adolescent mental healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

There is no current costing of moving to seven-day week outpatient model of Child and Adolescent Mental Health care.

There is currently no implementation plan for providing 7/7 child and adolescent mental health services. Child and Adolescent Mental Health teams provide specialist mental health services to young people up to the age of 18 and operate currently on a five day a week basis. Where a child has a mental health crisis the first port of call should be to the General Practitioner. If the General Practitioner assesses that a child requires an urgent mental health assessment the GP should contact the local CAMHS teams. In an emergency, a child can be seen in an Emergency Department where they will be assessed by a clinical practitioner and if required referred for assessment to a CAMHS clinician. Liaison Psychiatry teams are available in the 3 Dublin Paediatric Hospitals. CAMHS inpatient services operate a 24/7 model currently.

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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