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Dáil Éireann  
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Dublin 2

**PQ 59773 21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if provision will be made for the establishment of a CAMHS-based eating disorder specialist community team in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy

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


*I have reviewed this matter and the following is the position:*

South East Community Healthcare (CHO5) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services provides a range of therapeutic activities through its Community Mental Health Teams across the catchment area. Currently, there are 2 whole time equivalent senior dieticians allocated to the SECH CAMHS teams. Arrangements are also in place with specialist providers where specialist dietetic services are clinically prescribed and cannot be provided for within the current dietetic resource.

South East Community Healthcare Mental Health Services have made submissions in the 2022 budget estimates in order to try and facilitate an increased dietetic service to the SECH Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and will in addition continue to explore all options available including ongoing engagement with external providers.

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

Yours Sincerely



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