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Mr. Brendan Griffin, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 62930/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position in relation to the review of the south Kerry CAMHS prescription issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Griffin,

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

The HSE has reviewed the treatment received by children and young people who attended the South Kerry Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) between July 2016 and April 2021. We commissioned an independent review team, led by a CAMHS consultant, named Dr Seán Maskey, from the Maudsley Hospital in London, who travelled to Ireland to carry out this work. The review team also included senior nurse managers, Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Administration staff.

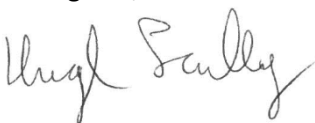
The team has reviewed the files of everyone who received care from South Kerry CAMHS between July 2016 and April 2021 (more than 1,500 files), and the HSE has written to all of the young people (or where appropriate, their families) to let them know what the review found in their care. Where young people did not receive the standard of care which they should have, we are meeting with the young people and, where appropriate, their families. These meetings are an integral part of the process and our priority is to keep these young people and their families updated. We are apologising to each individual at these meetings for any harm caused to them.

All of the families and children have either now been met or have been offered the opportunity to meet for the purposes of open disclosure and to provide them with key information.

We have not yet received a final report from Dr Maskey and will publish the report as soon as we can in the new year.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



**Mr Hugh Scully**  
**Acting Head of Mental Health Services**