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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that can treat patients who suffer with Agoraphobia in tabular form – Paul Donnelly**

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Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

Agoraphobia in Mental Health is classified under the heading of Anxiety disorders. Up to 80% of persons who suffer with agoraphobia are treated in primary care by their GP's.

For more complex cases, most Consultants in Mental Health (CAMHS, Adult and Old Age) treat this condition with the involvement of Multidisciplinary Teams.

Voluntary organizations such as <http://anxietyireland.ie> and <https://socialanxietyireland.com> provide more information on this condition.

Usually these patients are seen by their General Practitioners and referred to Community Mental Health Teams for multidisciplinary assessment and treatment. If a patient presents to the A&E Department at the hospital with agoraphobia, they would be seen by a multidisciplinary member of the Liaison Psychiatry team who will assess them and discuss their treatment plan.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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