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**PQ Number: 41771/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for health the estimated cost to provide a consistent 7-day week outpatient child and adolescent mental health service model and if he will make a statement on the matter - David Cullinane**

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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.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMH's) are provided through our existing 73 CAMH'S Teams operating at Community level and mostly on a 5/7 basis. At present there are a small number of Out-Patient Day Hospitals operating in the Galway and Dublin areas. In order to provide a full 7 Day CAMHS Service there would be a need to increase staffing by approx. 33% across the Teams with other additional costs also involved. It is not possible at this point to give an accurate costing for such an extension of Services given the variables involved

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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