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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are in place for persons who suffer with agoraphobia; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

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

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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