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Deputy McDonald
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

RE: Are child psychology services at CHI Temple Street are currently accepting new referrals?

Dear Deputy McDonald

I refer to your recent PQ which has have been forwarded to me for attention.

CHI at Temple Street provides a specialist psychology service to children who are actively under the care of a Consultant in the hospital. CHI at Temple Street does not accept GP or Community Referrals.

The service is currently offered to 11 Specialties including Neurology, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes, Renal etc. The psychologist working in each specialty manages their waiting list and they are defined by clinical need.

There are approximately 112 new patients waiting to be seen across the 11 specialities. Referrals are triaged and deemed urgent or routine. In-patients are seen within 24 hours. Urgent out-patients are seen within a week. The current waiting time for very routine patients is 18 months.

Services such as Cystic Fibrosis and Respiratory have no waiting lists. The Psychiatry Liaison Service is currently closed to new referrals.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Your sincerely

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