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Deputy Peadar Tóibín.  
Dail Eireann,  
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**PQ Number: 5514/22**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been prescribed with medication by CAMHS by county in each of the past five years; the number of reviews that have been carried out of the medicating children by each county in the same period; the number of children that have been prescribed melatonin in each county for each of the past five years; and the average length of time that these children were on melatonin by county - Peadar Tóibín**

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Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

The HSE does not routinely collate information of the prescribing of medication by CAMHS therefore it is not possible to provide information on the numbers, location or duration, of children who may have been prescribed Melatonin at this time.

The HSE is engaging with the Department of Health in relation to the national CAMHS audit announced by An Taoiseach as a result of the Report on the Look-back Review into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in South Kerry ('Maskey Report'). Accountable to the HSE Board and Safety and Quality Committee, a National Oversight Group has been established to ensure the full implementation of all 35 recommendations contained in the Maskey Report. The National Oversight Group will commission an independently chaired review of medication practice across all CAMHS teams. Findings from this review will inform the development of a National Clinical Audit in Mental Health.

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



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amir Niazi".

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