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Deputy Martin Browne.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 7153/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health his views on the case of a child diagnosed with avoidant, restrictive food intake disorder by CAMHS being denied cognitive behaviour therapy due to the fact that they are under 12 years of age - Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

For reasons of patient/client confidentiality, the HSE does not comment on the clinical nature of individual cases.

However, we wish to advise the Deputy that Linn Dara CAMHS Inpatient Unit in Dublin, and Merlin Park CAMHS Inpatient Unit in Galway, admit children under the age of 13 years.

Linn Dara has treated a number of children with ARFID.

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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