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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett.  
Dail Eireann,  
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**PQ Number: 8051/22**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the review of CAMHS in view of the recent Kerry CAMHS scandal; the details of the person or body that is conducting the review; if the review will cover all CAMHS services in the country; the terms of reference of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Richard Boyd Barrett**

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Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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.

Accountable to the HSE Board and Safety and Quality Committee, a National Oversight Group has been established to oversee, monitor and report on the implementation of the Report on the Look-back Review into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in South Kerry ('Maskey Report').

Jointly chaired by the Chief Operations Officer and Chief Clinical Officer, the National Oversight Group will approve an implementation plan to ensure full implementation of all 35 recommendations contained in the Maskey Report. This implementation plan will reflect the range of actions already taken to address findings by Dr Maskey and his review team.

The National Oversight Group has commenced a process to identify and appoint providers to conduct an audit of compliance with operational guidelines across all CAMHS Teams and a qualitative study of how those who use, work in and refer to CAMHS, experience those services. Detailed timelines will be finalised upon completion of this process.

Operating in a fully transparent manner, the National Oversight Group will prepare progress reports against the implementation plan, once approved, and these will be published on the HSE website.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ryan".

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**Jim Ryan**  
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