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Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Eireann
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Dear Deputy Ward

I refer to your recent PQ which has have been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health if there are mental health experts currently placed in children's accident and emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

There are currently no dedicated mental health experts placed in our Emergency Departments across Children's Health Ireland (CHI). Referral is made by the Emergency Department team to the liaison psychiatry service for children who require this service based on their individual needs. Children can present at the Emergency Departments in CHI at Temple Street, CHI at Crumlin and at our Emergency Care Unit in CHI at Tallaght and Urgent Care Centre at Connolly.

The liaison psychiatry team will review patients as requested by the referring team.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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