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Date: 4th August 2022

**Deputy Pa Daly, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

PQ Number: 36206/22

Dear Deputy Daly,

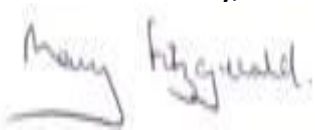
The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide social workers, play therapists and psychologists within University Hospital Kerry in order to help paediatric cancer patients deal with the side effects of their cancer diagnosis and treatment, many of which lead to mental health struggles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pa Daly

There is currently a Social worker allocated specifically to Paediatric Service within UHK whose remit does include oncology patients. Care of Paediatric Oncology patients within UHK is holistic in nature. Every effort is made to ensure that support services that are identified by clinical teams is in place to optimize patient care needs and that of their carers.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



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