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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health his views on the personnel employed to conduct teleclinics for CAMHS, noting their qualifications; if they are HSE employees or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter -Pa Daly

Dear Deputy Daly,

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.

Further to my responses to your Parliamentary Questions 33074/22 and 33076/22, the COVID-19 pandemic presented significant challenges for the delivery of health services; both in terms of the provision of services and continuity of care. Given the emphasis placed on ensuring social distancing where possible in the community, and as part of efforts to reduce transmission of coronavirus to healthcare workers, solutions to allow clinical consultations take place remotely were required. In this context Attend Anywhere or Blue Eye, were utilized as an alternative modality. The service model and professional qualifications of personnel involved in conducting tele clinics, remain the same. All relevant staff are contracted HSE employees and have the appropriate qualifications and registration to provide this service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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