

16th March 2022

Deputy Pa Daly
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 12594/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the necessary resources requested by Kerry CAMHS families to develop a care plan for each child; if he will provide clarity on the resources that will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

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.

The HSE continues to communicate on an ongoing basis with the families and young people who have been affected as a result of the review undertaken which found deficits in care in the South Kerry CAMHS service.

The HSE has established a Clinical Support Liaison Team based in Killarney. This team will consist of senior health care professionals who will provide a clinical support and advocacy role to all the families and young people affected as well as a key worker/case manager arrangement.

The Clinical Support Team will be available to consult with those affected to discuss their needs that can either be met through specialist mental health services or other appropriate services or service providers. The team will also discuss other services that may be required from community or voluntary organisations or in certain cases, from private healthcare facilities/professionals.

The Clinical Support Liaison Team will also develop a support plan and also provide supportive counselling and emotional & practical support. The team will listen at all times to the young person's voice and to be responsive to their views and opinions on their care and treatment and they will do so in a respectful manner. The Clinical Liaison Support Team will be an important link for young people and families into the future.

External counselling has also been made available to those who wish to avail of that it and the South Kerry CAMHS Information Line also remains open on **1800 742 800**.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,

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