

30th March 2022

Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 13858/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if all of the families of the children referred to in a report (details supplied) have been notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: About the report on the look back review onto CAMHS , South Kerry of the 46 children placed at significant harm, 227 children placed at risk,

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 with the families and young adults who have been affected as a result of the review undertaken which found deficits in care in the South Kerry CAMHS service. This communication is on-going and is specific to people’s individual circumstances.

The HSE has established a Clinical Support Liaison Team based in Killarney and the details of this service has been communicated to all those affected. This team consists of senior health care professionals who provide a clinical support and advocacy role to all the families and young people as well as a key worker/case manager arrangement. The Clinical Support Team is also 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 also discusses 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 also develops support plans and provides supportive counselling and emotional & practical support. The Clinical Liaison Support Team is and will be an important link for young people and families into the future.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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