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Deputy Holly Cairns  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 15052/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to review adult mental health services in view of the systematic issues identified with the South Kerry CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter..”**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

As you are aware, the Chief Officer of Cork Kerry Community Healthcare formally commissioned a full Look-Back Review (LBR) in April 2021 which was led by a CAMHS Consultant Dr Seán Maskey from the Maudsley Hospital in London. The purpose of the LBR was to consider the potential clinical issues relating to the clinical practice of NCHD1 in prescribing, care planning, diagnostics and clinical supervision in South Kerry CAMHS between July 2016 and June 2020.

The 35 recommendations that stem from the analysis and findings detailed in the Maskey report and cover areas such as re-establishing trust in the CAMHS service, governance, of the service, delivery of clinical services, improved clinical practice, shared care, quality, patient safety and Risk Management, training, and the use of information and communication technology to support the delivery of services.

These recommendations have been used to consider local and national implications and actions underway, both locally and nationally that will see these further developed. The HSE is now standing up an oversight structure to ensure delivery of a comprehensive plan for all 35 recommendations contained in the Look-Back Review Report.

I wish to confirm that a need for a similar review has not been identified within Adult Mental Health Services, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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