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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the position of the person who is responsible for clinical governance in each CAHMS unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

As per the CAMHS Operational Guideline 2019, Section 3.2 outlines clinical governance in CAMHS Teams.

3.2.1 Each CAMHS team has clear accountability structures in place to achieve the delivery of high-quality, safe and reliable services (Best Practice Guidance for Mental Health Services: (Supporting you to meet Regulatory Requirements and towards Continuous Quality Improvement, 2017), and all staff should be informed of this as part of their induction process.

3.2.2 There is a clear management structure which includes corporate and clinical governance responsibilities and reporting relationships.

3.2.3 The Consultant Psychiatrist is the Clinical Lead on the team. Each member of the CAMHS team also has a professional and management reporting relationship through their discipline-specific line management structure

3.2.4 Each member of a CAMHS team has the professional responsibility to carry out clinical work with children and adolescents within their scope of practice, as defined by their professional and regulatory bodies such as the Medical Council, the Health and Social Care Professionals Council (CORU), the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) and the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI).

3.2.5 Each individual CAMHS team member knows their responsibility, level of authority and to whom they are accountable.



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3.2.6 Each individual CAMHS team member seeks to demonstrate how the principles of quality and safety can be applied in their diverse practice to pursue improved outcomes for children and adolescents and their families. This is best achieved in a culture of trust, openness, respect and caring.

3.2.7 Clinical governance is covered in detail in the HSE publication, An Initiative of the Quality and Patient Safety Division: Sharing our Learning, 2014

Further information can be found here

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/camhs/operational-guideline/camhs-operational-guideline-2019.pdf>

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/staff-engagement/resourceslinks/sharingourlearningfinal.pdf>

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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