

18th November 2022

Deputy Pa Daly,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 54615/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the detail behind the methodology employed for the north Kerry CAMHS sample audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ ref 54616/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the total number of files selected for inclusion in the north Kerry CAMHS sample audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ ref 54617/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if any files, originally selected for inclusion in the north Kerry CAMHS sample audit, were subsequently removed from the list of files; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ ref 54618/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the date by which the sample audit of north Kerry CAMHS files will be completed; the date by which the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

PQ ref 54619/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will request a full review of all north Kerry CAMHS files opened since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

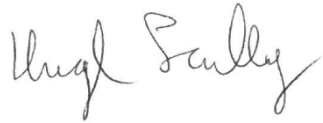
Following publication of the Maskey Report, in order to gain assurance about the quality of the CAMHS service being provided in North Kerry, the HSE confirmed a planned sample file audit of 50 files at North Kerry CAMHS would take place. This is a random audit of files and represents approximately 10% of the case load of the North Kerry CAMHS team. The purpose of audit is to establish what, if any variance exists from standard clinical practice in assessment, formulation, diagnosis, treatment planning and delivery including prescribing practice. This audit began in June 2022.

To ensure best practice is being maintained, the files that are subject to the audit were chosen by staff independent of the clinical team involved in the patients care. The files were also checked to ensure

they were not previously involved in the original Maskey Report Review and in the event that such files were chosen at random they were replaced with an alternative file, again chosen randomly. This audit is being undertaken by a team of ten Consultants from across the country, with oversight provided from the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Mental Health. The audit report is expected shortly.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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