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Deputy Pa Daly,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the methods employed by the HSE to ensure that the appropriate clinical governance structures were put in place where the HSE took over the provision of CAMHS services from charitable organisations in counties Cork and Kerry from 2012 onwards; 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 Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

By way of background, the CAMHS services were transferred from Brothers of Charity Southern Services to the in June 2014 HSE under the Transfer of Undertakings \ Protection of Employment legislation.

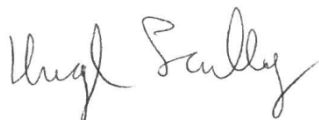
The South Lee 1, South Lee 2, South Lee 3, West Cork and Kerry teams were transferred to join the already existing teams of North Lee East, North Lee West and North Lee North and the governance arrangements would have been extended to the nationally agreed HSE governance structures.

Current clinical governance in relation to the CAMHS services lies with the Executive Clinical Director for Mental Health Services.

The Maskey report identified issues in relation to governance associated with South Kerry CAMHS and had made a number of recommendations in relation to this. These are currently being addressed and implemented as part of the report’s implementation plan.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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