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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to outline where the two new roles, the national clinical lead for mental health and the assistant director for youth mental health will fill into the structures of the HSE; if this can be provided in diagram form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Mark Ward

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Reporting to the National Director for Community Operations Ms Yvonne O'Neill, the new role of Assistant National Director for Youth Mental Health will provide leadership, operational oversight, and delegated management of all service delivery across child and youth mental health services in Ireland. They will be responsible for managing and coordinating service planning activities, partnership and capacity building, the development of service plans, and setting of service standards right across child and youth mental health services in Ireland.

The new role of National Clinical Lead for Youth Mental Health will report to the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Mental Health, Dr. Amir Niazi.

In answer to the Deputy's question, the finer operational details will be worked out when the new appointees commence duty.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ryan".

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