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PQ: 18470/23

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the list of ‘mental health conditions – people aged 16 and younger’, that are included under the section - medical conditions covered by the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Matt Carthy**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 18470/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Long-Term Illness (LTI) scheme, established under Section 59(3) of the Health Act 1970 (as amended), provides for the supply without charge of drugs, medicines or medical and surgical appliances to persons with a diagnosis of any of the 16 prescribed illnesses, including Mental Illness (in a person under 16).

The administration of the Scheme was centralised to the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) in June 2019. In order for a person up to the age of 16 to qualify for eligibility in respect of ‘Mental illness’ (LTI Illness P), appropriate certification of the diagnosis and treatment must be provided by a registered medical practitioner in Section 2 of the LTI application form. There are many different types of mental health conditions affecting this age group including anxiety disorders, mood disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorders, eating disorders, neurodevelopmental disorders including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and other neurodevelopmental disorders with mental health co-morbidities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service