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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there are any funding streams in the case of a child attending CAMHS and who may have to be referred to private mental health care be it under the NTPF or others from the HSE to make sure a person at risk can access the service they need. -Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

In response to your Parliamentary Question, there is no specific funding stream in place for this. However, if an individual does require access to private care which has been assessed as being clinically appropriate, and if all local arrangements have been explored and exhausted, an application for funding can be made by the clinical team, supported by the Clinical Director to the Head of Service for Mental Health in the relevant CHO area. The business case for such funding would be made on a case by case basis.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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