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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of all CAMHS teams that are operational on a seven-days-a-week basis; and the availability of staff in each discipline. -Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

Currently there are no out-of-hours CAMHS teams operating in any of the CHO areas. However, the development of CAMHS tele-hubs initiative will form part of an overall out-of-hours response. Recommendation 35 of *Sharing the Vision – A Mental Health Policy for Everyone (StV)* Implementation Plan, looks at the development of a comprehensive out-of-hours CAMHS response.

The implementation of this recommendation is being progressed in two parts.

1. A National CAMHS Hub Steering group has been established to progress development of a Standard Operating Procedure for CAMHS hubs which is at final review stage. A service design process, incorporating literature review, webinar, logic model has been completed. Five pilot site locations have been identified and budget allocation agreed. Phase 1 of the CAMHS Hubs model can provide a step-up brief intervention service for existing service users in acute crisis, within an agreed catchment area to an agreed number of CAMHS teams. Monitoring of implementation will support the identification of further resourcing requirements to expand the model as appropriate.

2. Within the implementation structures for StV a Children and Young Person Workstream has been established and the plan for tiered out of hours model will be scoped within the workstream. Any proposed work plan will be in keeping with the implementation of recommendations in the Maskey Report.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker', written in a cursive style.

Tony Mc Cusker
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