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PQ Number: 4136/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a matter involving the Mental Health Commission interim report into CAMHS (details supplied); if similar risks have not been escalated appropriately across the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Details Supplied: *In relation to the Mental Health Commission Interim report into CAMHS, about the risk that was communicated to the mental health operations team in January 2022, but was not on the National Risk Register, if his attention has been drawn to a matter involving the Mental Health Commission Interim report into CAMHS; this happening, if similar risks have not been escalated appropriately across the health service*

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.

All HSE staff are advised to utilise the Risk Management Process in the communication of any risk identified. Risk advisors are also available in each CHO area to support, advise and train staff on risk management. This support is available to mental health services through the Quality Safety and Service Improvement (QSSI) Department. It is the responsibility of the local Mental Health Area Management Team to actively manage risks that have been communicated to them. Where possible, additional controls are put in place to reduce the risk. Where controls required are beyond the scope of the Area Management Team, the risks are communicated to the next level of management, the Head of Service and the Executive Clinical Director.

In relation to the immediate concerns identified by the MHC Interim Report, a full response has been furnished to the MHC along with what actions have already been put into place to address any concerns raised.



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I have further addressed governance and risk management in my response to your Parliamentary Question **4137/23**.

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
General Manager
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