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Deputy Mark Ward,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that no risk for CAMHS was on the national risk register, following the publishing of the Maskey Report; the last time his office inspected the national risk register; 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.

The HSE's Performance and Accountability Framework (2020) sets out the means by which accountable officers within the HSE are held to account for their performance, ensuring that the system has clear authority, responsibilities and accountability structures. Reporting to the National Director, Community Operations, the Chief Officer has overall accountability for mental health services provided within each CHO, and is supported in this role by a management team, including the Head of Service for Mental Health.

Operational risks with regard to CAMHS provision are in the first instance raised with the Mental Health Area Management Team with further escalation through the Head of Service to the Chief Officer. Mitigation of risks that require a national response are generally considered as part of the structured monthly engagements between CHOs and HSE Community Operations that form part of the performance management process.

In July 2022, the National Director for Community Operations introduced changes to the operation of the HSE Integrated Risk Management Policy at Community Operations level, which included a single risk register for Community Operations. These changes were introduced to minimise duplication, link risk management at National Level with CHO and corporate levels and most importantly provide visibility of risk for safety and planning purposes. The risk register for Community Operations is reviewed quarterly, to align with the collection and analysis of CHO registers.



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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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