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Mr. Martin Browne TD
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PQ 32482/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the date upon which a primary care autism assessment team will be operational in the Cashel area of County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

The Primary Care Autism Assessment Team (PCAAT) will cover both the Carlow, Kilkenny and South Tipperary areas and is currently being established. It is a multi-disciplinary team consisting of Psychology, Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy. The team is currently being inducted and the referral pathway is being established. Formal communication to stakeholders will be issued when the referral pathway opens.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anna Marie Lahigan'.

Anna Marie Lahigan
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