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PQ Number: 35310/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if additional infrastructure will be required to extend CAMHS to cover up to 25-year-olds; which of the CAMHS teams are currently able to accommodate this; 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.

Recommendation 36 of Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for All outlines that:

Appropriate supports should be provided for on an interim basis to service users transitioning from CAMHS to GAMHS. The age of transition should be moved from 18 to 25, and future supports should reflect this.

‘Sharing the Vision’ Youth Mental Health: Transitions, Specialist Group

A Youth Mental Health: Transitions Specialist Group has been established by the HSE Sharing the Vision Implementation Group, at the request of the National Implementation Monitoring Committee. This group convened in September 2021 to focus on enabling recommendation 36.

Recommendation 36 has two parts, one focusing on current transition practices from CAMHS to adult services, and the other looking at future supports required to move the age of transition to 25 years.

No decision has been made to extend CAMHS up to 25. The Specialist Group is progressing recommendations to optimise specialist mental health supports up to age 25. As part of this consideration is being given to the future reconfiguration of services. Currently, a series of consultations with young people (3rd July), staff and stakeholders (12th July), parents (planned for Q3 2023) and GPs (planned for Q3 2023).



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Reporting

Regular updates on the work of the specialist group is being provided to NIMC and the group is committed to providing a quarterly update through the Sharing the Vision Implementation Status Reports. Further information can be found here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8f821-national-implementation-and-monitoring-committee-steering-committee/#sharing-the-vision-reports>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker', written over a light grey circular stamp.

Tony Mc Cusker
General Manager
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