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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the appointment of the national youth mental health lead; 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.

Reporting to the National Director for Community Operations, the new role of Assistant National Director for Youth Mental Health will provide leadership, operational oversight, and delegated management of all service delivery across child and youth mental health services in Ireland. They will be responsible for managing and coordinating service planning activities, partnership and capacity building, the development of service plans, and setting of service standards right across child and youth mental health services in Ireland.

The Assistant National Director for Child and Youth Mental Health will commence their role in early September 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**General Manager
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