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Deputy Colm Burke,
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PQ Number: 36173/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding to finance an urgent review of open cases across all Child and Adult Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

In February 2022, the Inspector of Mental Health Services announced the decision to carry out a review of the provision of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in accordance with her powers under the 2001 Mental Health Act. The HSE has engaged fully in the review process, which will contribute to our ongoing work to improve services, in collaboration with staff, as well as the children, young people and families who need the support of CAMHS.

Following a review of five of the nine Community Health Organisation (CHO) areas, the Mental Health Commission (MHC) issued an interim report and made the following recommendation:

'An immediate clinical review of all open cases in all CAMHS Teams, using the NICE Guidelines and the CAMHS Operational Guideline. Particular focus should be given to identifying and assessing open cases of children who have been lost to follow-up, and physical health monitoring of those on medication'.

Further to the commitment made to the MHC, the HSE has now completed the recommended clinical review of all open cases and a report on the findings has been sent to the MHC.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Braham', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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