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Deputy Michael Healy Rae,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health if his Department's look-back review into Kerry CAMHS should go back further than July 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

On the 23rd January 2023, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) confirmed that a Lookback Review into the care of children and young people at North Kerry Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, following receipt of the random audit report of North Kerry CAMHS would take place. CKCH also confirmed that Phase 1 of Lookback Review will first look at the files of young people who are currently under the care of North Kerry CAMHS. Information from that review of current files will inform the next phase of the Lookback review-

On June 19th the HSE wrote to young people and their families who were under the care of North Kerry CAMHS on the 21st November 2022 to let them know that phase 1 of the review has commenced and that we would be reviewing their files in the months ahead. That letter also confirmed that Dr Colette Halpin, a CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist is leading the Lookback Review and Dr. Halpin will be supported by a team of CAMHS consultants. CKCH expect that approximately 300 files will be reviewed, and Dr Halpin is working to complete her review by the end of the year.

Our priority is to make sure that the young people involved, their families and ourselves are reassured that they receive the best possible and most appropriate care. As in previous lookback reviews, if any young person needs further support then we will make sure it is offered and provided as quickly as possible.

Our Kerry CAMHS information line remains open on **1800 742 800**, from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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