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Mr. Mattie McGrath TD
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Further query to PQ 24372/23

To ask the Minister if he could outline if this new ASD diagnostic team being developed in South Tipperary will be separate from the proposed regional AON teams and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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.

As outlined previously in PQ 24372/23, the Primary Care Autism Assessment Team (PCAAT) for Carlow, Kilkenny and South Tipperary is currently being established. It is a multi-disciplinary team consisting of Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy. The team is currently being inducted and the referral pathway is being established. I can confirm that it will be separate from the proposed regional AON teams which fall under the remit of Disabilities.

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 Lanigan'.

Anna Marie Lanigan
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