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Deputy Michael Healy-Rae,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

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**“To ask the Minister for Health the stage the look-back review into North Kerry CAMHS is at; 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.

In 2022, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare commissioned an audit of fifty files from the caseload of the North Kerry Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). The resulting Clinical Audit Report, identified concerns in sixteen of the fifty cases audited. Consequently, a Lookback Review into North Kerry CAMHS was announced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Phase 1 of this Lookback Review will examine the files of young people who were under the care of North Kerry CAMHS in November 2022. The outcome of this review will inform the next steps.

A Serious Incident Management Team (SIMT) has been convened by the Chief Officer. This group is currently finalising the Terms of Reference for the Look Back Review. In parallel, we are concluding arrangements for the appointment of the lead for this Lookback Review and will confirm these arrangements as soon as possible. In line with usual HSE organisational arrangements, such reviews require external oversight and the necessary clinical expertise to ensure a robust, independent review is undertaken. We expect to finalise these arrangements and begin engaging with impacted families in the coming weeks.

The Kerry CAMHS Information Line remains open to families and young people affected on 1800-742-800.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Julie O' Neill**  
**Interim Head of Service**  
**Mental Health Services**  
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