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**PQ Number: 38515/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has plans to introduce a single point of triage system for referrals to children's, mental health services; how would this operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Mark Ward**

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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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health services to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of multi-disciplinary mental health teams.

The *Sharing the Vision* (STV) Youth Mental Health Transitions Specialist Group, is progressing recommendations to optimise specialist mental health supports for those up to the age of 25. As part of that, consideration is being given to the future reconfiguration of services and a series of consultations are taking place in relation to this.

A consultation took place with young people (3rd July 2023), staff and stakeholders (12th July 2023), and there is a planned consultation scheduled to take place with parents (27<sup>th</sup> Sept). Engagement with GP's has also been planned. The Specialist Group plans to present its recommendations to the National Implementation and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) in Q4 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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**General Manager**  
**National Mental Health Services**