

## Oifig an Stiúrthóra Náisiúnta Cúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte

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Deputy Mark Ward.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the funding that is available to CAMHS teams to carry out electrocardiograms, blood tests and other necessary tests for people with eating disorders; if this funding will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark

Ward

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.

The HSE do not have dedicated budgets to carry out specific tests, such as electrocardiograms, blood tests and other necessary tests for people with eating disorders. If it is clinically indicated, tests are prescribed and carried out as part of the public health system, of which both HSE community and inpatient CAMHS are part of.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

**Paul Braham** 

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