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Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health if a review (details supplied) will be expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Details supplied: “Minister 1500 files were reviewed and up to 250 apologies were issued to South Kerry families under the CAMHS review. This is approx 15% of the patients. The current review of North Kerry is focusing on approx. 300 files. If 15% of the families involved in the current North Kerry review are to receive apologies are the HSE going to expand the review further?”

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 June 19th 2023 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 their files would be reviewed in the months ahead. That letter also confirmed that Dr Colette Halpin, a CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist is leading the Look Back Review and will be supported by a team of CAMHS consultants. Approximately 300 files will be reviewed in this first phase. The outcome of this review will inform the appropriate next steps with regard to the next cohort of files to be reviewed.

Our priority remains to ensure that the children and young people accessing CAMHS receive the best possible and most appropriate care. As in previous look back reviews, if any young person impacted 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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