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Deputy Charles Flanagan
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ – 7948/24

To ask the Minister for Health for an outline of the CAMHS service in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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.

Laois/Offaly Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is a service that provides assessment and treatment for young people and their families who are experiencing mental health difficulties.

While a broad range of services support the mental health of children and adolescents, the term 'CAMHS' is usually applied very specifically to services that provide specialist mental health treatment and care to young people up to 18 years of age through a multidisciplinary team. The team consists of Consultant Psychiatrists, Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Social Care Workers, nurses and administration staff.

In Laois/Offaly we also have a dedicated Young Adult Mental Health Service (YAMHS) for young people between the ages of 16 to 18 years, who present with moderate to severe emotional, behavioral and mental health difficulties.

CAMHS Laois is located at St Fintans Campus, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, R32ED81.
CAMHS Offaly is located at the Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue, Tullamore, R35 K1W4.

To access CAMHS/YAMHS services a referral must be made through the child/ young person's general practitioner.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

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