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Deputy Michael Cahill
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“To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the long delays in publishing the first phase of the North Kerry CAMHS Lookback review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: “The review of patient records began in 2023 and was due to be finalised by the end of the year 2023, however the HSE failed to meet this deadline and subsequent deadlines since”

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In 2023, the HSE commissioned the North Kerry CAMHS Look Back Review and it was hoped that Phase 1 of the review would be completed in a short time period; however, when Dr. Colette Halpin and her team of consultants commenced preparing for the review they realised it would take longer to undertake a robust review of all cases. Unfortunately, this process did take significantly longer than we had initially hoped, but it was important that the review of each file received the expert input needed.

As this is an independent process, the timelines are not within the control of the HSE but our priority has always been that the files of every young person would get a thorough and consistent review. The file reviews have now been completed and all individuals and families have been communicated with directly in relation to the outcome of their file review.

Dr Halpin is currently drafting her report based on the findings of all cases reviewed in Phase 1 of the North Kerry CAMHS Look Back Review. Once we receive this draft, there will be additional work before completion and publication; however, we will expedite this as much as possible.

During the review, any young person whose file review showed deficits in the care provided to them was called for an individual Open Disclosure meeting during which the HSE outlined the review findings and sincerely apologised to both the young person and their family. Support is subsequently being provided to these young people and families by the HSE Clinical Liaison Support Team.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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