



8th August 2025

Deputy Pa Daly
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 41658/25

“To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all consultants commissioned as part of the north Kerry lookback review; the nature of the work they were commissioned for; and the costs associated with same.”

Dear Deputy Daly

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.

Dr Colette Halpin, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Consultant Lead and Independent Chairperson, is leading the Lookback Review, while the team also includes:

- A Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist who is also Executive Clinical Director
- A Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist who is also Inpatient Clinical Director
- Seven other Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- Two Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists who specialise in CAMHS ID

On the nature of the work, the consultant review group were commissioned to undertake a detailed and robust desktop review of all open cases in North Kerry CAMHS in November 2022, to identify any harm or potential for harm to children and young people while attending the service North Kerry.

This review process requires independent expert specialised CAMHS input, and we now have a team of such experts in place.

Costs will be finalised upon completion of the lookback review.

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

Yours sincerely,

Declan Cronin
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