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Deputy Ged Nash, TD.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 23243/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no permanent psychiatry expertise or consultants available on a 24/7 basis to address emergency psychiatry admissions of patients under 18 years at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda, and to treat patients under 18 years in crisis who are referred by their GP; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nash,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Louth Meath Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services (CAMHS) have commenced the process to recruit an Advanced Nurse Practitioner and a Community Nurse Specialist to manage CAMHS liaison from 9-5pm Monday to Tuesday. Due to the current resources available to Louth Meath CAMHS, it is not feasible to operate a 24/7 service currently.

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

Yours sincerely,

Martina Lennon,
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