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Deputy Peadar Tóibín.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Number: 24403/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the emergency mental health supports currently in place for autistic children presenting with suicidal thoughts and behaviours. -Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 the following outlines the position.

All children, including those with a diagnosis of autism who are presenting with suicidal behaviours and ideation should access emergency mental health supports firstly through their General Practitioner. If appropriate, they can then be referred to a community mental health team or if they present out of hours, they can access the emergency department of their local hospital where they can access on call mental health services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Hennessy
General Manager

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