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Deputy Violet Anne Wynne.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 47614/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on CAMHS hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. –Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

CAMHS Hubs

A CAMHS Hub provides intensive brief mental health interventions to support CAMHS teams in delivering enhanced responses to children, young people and their families/carers, in times of an acute mental health crisis. In this way, these hubs can provide an alternative option to inpatient admission, provided in the young person's own environment/ community facility and with the active involvement of young person and their family, carers and supporters.

The *Model of Care for CAMHS Hubs* was published and formally launched by Minister Butler TD, in September 2023. The MOC will be piloted and tested across five learning sites in CHO areas 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. There will be an independent evaluation of the pilot implementation of these services over the testing phase (18 to 24 months) in line with the Standard Operating Procedures and the MOC. This evaluation will inform plans to develop CAMHS Hubs in the future.

As part of the HSE's delivery of *Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone*, a dedicated workstream has been set up to progress services for children and young people. Recommendation 35 of StV recommends that:

A comprehensive specialist mental health out-of-hours response should be provided for children and adolescents in all geographical areas. This should be developed in addition to current ED services.

This workstream will progress further implementation of CAMHS Hubs alongside the development of a specialist mental health out-of-hours model using a tiered approach.

Further information on the Model of Care for CAMHS Hubs is available here:

[Model of Care for CAMHS Hubs \(hse.ie\)](http://www.hse.ie)



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Hennessy'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the 'y'.

Sarah Hennessy
General Manager
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