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Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will review the files of all patients that came under the care of the consultant in north Kerry under the CAMHS review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Details supplied: "Minister the consultant involved in North Kerry has given an undertaking to the Medical Council that she will not engage in the practice of medicine at this time. This consultant was also involved in the care of South Kerry children who were part of the Maskey review. There is a very alarming pattern here that can't be over looked. This consultant was the supervisor of the Doctor who was adjudged to be responsible for the inappropriate clinical practice that was the focus of the Maskey review. I understand that she is working in Kerry for over years and was employed by the Brothers of Charity before she commenced work with CAMHS. The HSE CEO has already apologised to a North Kerry man who attended CAMHS in 2010, for atrocious deficits in care that occurred under the care of this consultant. The problem stretches back to 2010 at least"

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

The Health Service Executive is currently undertaking Phase 1 of the North Kerry CAMHS Look Back Review. The findings of Phase 1 and the resulting report from Dr. Colette Halpin will inform the next steps in the review.

Until the initial phase of the review has been completed, the Health Service Executive cannot advise if the files of all patients that came under the care of a consultant in North Kerry CAMHS will be reviewed under the CAMHS Look Back Review.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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