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Deputy Danny Healy-Rae,  
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**“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a matter concerning provision of CAMHS psychotherapists in Tralee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter”**

**Details supplied:**

**“I ask why no cover has been put in place for the CAMHS Psychotherapist in the Tralee area who is on maternity leave. The families of Children and young adults have no option but to pay for private appointments as there is currently no cover. Will these patients be reimbursed for the costs of private appointments?”**

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.

I can confirm that the CAMHS senior clinical psychologist is currently on leave. However, we do provide psychotherapeutic supports for the children and young people in our care delivered by other health and social care clinicians. We provide Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Dialectic Behaviour Group Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Social Work support, ADHD specific supports, and Attachment Based Family Therapy.

As always, anyone in crisis can get immediate support through their GP or the Southdoc service (0818 355 999), [southdoc.ie](http://southdoc.ie)). Round-the-clock psychiatric care is available at Emergency Departments for those presenting in crisis. Information is also available on [yourmentalhealth.ie](http://yourmentalhealth.ie).

Contact details of 24/7 supports services, including:

- [www.yourmentalhealth.ie](http://www.yourmentalhealth.ie) which is also available on 1800 111 888
- Pieta House - 1800 247 247
- The Samaritans 116 123 or text 'help' to 087 2609090
- Childline 1800 666 666, or text 'talk' to 50101
- Text 'hello' to 50808

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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