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Deputy Pa Daly,  
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**“To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the North Kerry CAMHS review; the timeline for delivery; the progress to date; the reasons for the delay; if consideration has been given to expand eligibility criteria for the redress scheme to include those who have already received an apology from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Daly,

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 and the following outlines the position.

The independent team carrying out the Lookback Review at North Kerry CAMHS has made significant progress in recent months. The file reviews are complete, and a report is being drafted which will outline the team's findings and recommendations. Once we receive the final report, we will make arrangements to share this document with the young people concerned.

The review team consisted of a group of specialised CAMHS Consultants who are not working in the region. This team worked diligently when examining these files. We regret that this review process has taken longer than we initially hoped, but it was important that both we and the review team were assured that each file receives the level of expert input needed.

Throughout the review process, and as the individual file reviews are being completed, we have made direct contact with the individuals/families concerned to let them know the outcome of the review of their child's file. In some cases, we have offered families an appointment for an Open Disclosure meeting, to explain what the review team found in their case, and what happens next. In other words, where issues are identified, we have not waited for the completion of the review process to inform young people and their families. Where appropriate, an in-person apology is given at the Open Disclosure meeting and a written apology is also provided to the young person and their family. All Open Disclosure meetings with the individuals/families concerned have been completed.

Decisions around the redress scheme will be made when the final report is issued.

The Kerry CAMHS information line remains open on 1800 742 800, from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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