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To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that the CAMHS unit in the new national children's hospital is located in the basement of the building without any natural light; how this was decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The development of the New Children's Hospital (NCH), co-located on the St James' Hospital site, represents a significant landmark project, a HSE and Government priority project, a project aligned to several Healthcare strategies, policy initiatives, service reforms and patient needs.

As part of the New Children's Hospital, there will be a new 20 bed Child and Young Person Mental Health (CYPMH) in-patient unit, to be staffed and delivered by HSE Mental Health Services within the hospital. The Child and Young Person (CYP) Mental Health Unit is located on the first floor, in a central location from the concourse in the North Fingers of the building thereby benefiting from natural light.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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