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Catherine Murphy TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ: 22531/18 - To ask the Minister for Health the services available in respect to child mental health in CHO area 7; the locations of the services; his plans to create new posts in line with a growing population and a growing need; the detail of the posts; the timeframe in which is it intended to fill them within; if the absence of a psychologist in north County Kildare has specifically been considered in that context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Murphy TD.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

The CAMHS team covering Kildare North have a Senior Psychologist in place since 25/01/2015.

The following information below indicates the current staffing levels, new developments and current staffing numbers in relation to the staffing levels –v- Vision for Change recommendations.

We have recently added a Regional Eating Disorder Specialist Programme as part of the new HSE National Eating Disorder Programme. This is a Multi-Disciplinary Team with a current complement of 7.6 Whole Time Equivalents and which will increase to 13 Whole Time Equivalents with the recruitment of additional approved posts over the coming months.

The service has also developed an ADHD care pathway which will be rolled out across the Linn Dara service in 2018.

We also have a Specialist Day Programme and a 24 bedded Child & Adolescent Approved Centre based in Cherry Orchard Hospital, Ballyfermot, both of which serve the Linn Dara service.

There has been a new CAMHS Team set up for Kildare West which is now in operation. Bearing in mind demographic pressures, the Linn Dara service will continue to seek appropriate new

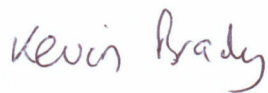
development posts and opportunities to support the service in delivering services through accessible locally based community teams in line with Vision for Change and Clinical Programmes.

Our Future developments include the opening of a 20 bedded CAMHS inpatient unit in the new National Children's Hospital which will have 8 specialist eating Disorder beds. I have added a table for convenience in relation to the current community team breakdown below:

	Team	Population 0 – 17 yrs. (CSO 2016)	Population Increase (2011)	Current Staffing	Vision for Change Recommended No's
4	Kildare CAMHS North	21,002	+ 1,507	9.7	13
5	Kildare CAMHS East	21,730	+ 967	8.8	13
6	South	20,182	+ 992	11.4	13
7	Kildare CAMHS West	12,200	N/A	8	13
				37.9 WTE	52 WTE

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or should require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Kevin Brady
Head of Mental Health