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PQ 47844/18

To ask the Minister for Health the travel and accommodation expenses incurred to date in 2018 regarding the provision of CAMHS appointments by staff employed in another CHO in each CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 47842/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS appointments provided in each CHO in which one or all of the medical staff providing the service was temporarily redeployed from another CHO to date in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ 47843/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS appointments provided in each CHO at weekends by staff employed during the week in another CHO to date in 2018, in tabular form and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed that matter and the following is the position.

Following the resignation of the CAMHS Consultant in the Wexford/Waterford area, every possible option is being pursued in order to recruit Paediatric Consultant Psychiatrists to the area. Advertisements have been placed in Journals both nationally and internationally to fill the posts on a temporary basis, pending the filling of the posts on a permanent basis through the Public Appointment Service. Wexford/Waterford Mental Health Services continues to work with Locum Agencies (both nationally and internationally) to identify suitably qualified CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist.

In the interim, a locum arrangement has been put in place whereby Wexford/Waterford Mental Health Services continue to work existing caseloads and emergency referrals will be seen at weekend clinics provided by CAMHS Consultants (Consultants external to Wexford/Waterford Mental Health Services)

HSE employees who are required to travel on official business are paid travel/subsistence/accommodation rates as approved by the Department of Health and Children. Travelling and subsistence regulations are set out in Department of Finance Circular 11/82.

To date in 2018, the number of CAMHS appointments that have been provided at weekend clinics is 423. All weekend clinics take place in HSE Accommodation.

Should you require any further information in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

David Heffernan
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