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To ask the Minister for Health the staff complement sanctioned for Slaney House, Co Wexford; if the full staff complement is in place; the hours of operation of the facility and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Howlin,

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.

The staffing complement for Slaney House is as follows:


- Consultant - 1 WTE Vacant Post
- NCHD - 1 WTE
- Senior Occupational Therapist - 1 WTE
- Senior Psychologist - 1 WTE
- Speech and Language Therapist - 0.4 WTE
- Social Worker - 1 WTE
- CNM2 - 1 WTE (currently on leave)
- CNS - 1 WTE
- Administrative Staff - 1.5 WTE
- Senior Dietitian - 0.5 WTE (Vacant)

The hours of operation are 9 to 5pm, Monday to Friday. To date, Mental Health Services have been unsuccessful in securing a Consultant Psychiatrist for South Wexford CAMHS sector. Every possible option is being pursued in order to recruit a Paediatric Consultant Psychiatrist to the area. There is a shortage of CAMHS Consultants nationally. 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.

In addition to current resources, Consultants external to Waterford/Wexford are providing weekend clinics for emergency referrals. On weekdays, CAMHS teams continue to work within existing caseloads and have access to Consultation with CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist by teleconference. Waterford/Wexford Mental Health services key focus at this time is to secure appropriate Consultant support, and in the interim to continue to support the rest of the MDT team to maintain service provision as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,



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