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PQ 4997/19

To ask the Minister for Health if a person (Consultant Psychiatrist) has been appointed to a location (Slaney House, Newtown Road, Wexford); 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 examined the matter and the following outlines the current position in relation to this matter.

To date, the 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 within Waterford Mental Health Services, Consultants external to Waterford/Wexford are providing weekend clinics for emergency referrals. CAMHS teams continue to work within existing caseloads. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan".

David Heffernan
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