



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte  
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath20.  
T 01 6207304 R: [Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie](mailto:Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie)

Mental Health Service  
St Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown Dublin 20  
Tel: 01-6207304 Email: [sinead.reynolds@hse.ie](mailto:sinead.reynolds@hse.ie)

7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Deputy Jackie Cahill TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 6374/19 Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons working in the CAMHS service in County Tipperary; the number of positions that are either on leave or vacant, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

Please see table hereunder outlining current CAMHS staffing in Tipperary CAMHS teams

Tipperary CAMHS services are on a par with other CHOs/ CAMHS teams in terms of staffing levels versus population levels/ VFC (Vision for Change)Levels. Vision for Change recommends a multidisciplinary team comprising 11 clinicians should cover a catchment area of 50,000 population.

Currently there are 2 replacement posts for filling with National Recruitment Services, for South Tipperary CAMHS – one of which is currently being completed.

A number of posts may be currently covered by agency staff or overtime, or a combination of both. Our current systems of data collection in Mental Health Services do not support the collection of national data on locum/temporary positions filled by agency/overtime or staff on leave. Figures relating to staff on leave change regularly and are not reported nationally. However local managers will be aware of these figures.

The availability of skilled staff is a significant issue in mental health services where demand outstrips supply in both the national and international contexts and our workforce (particularly younger staff) are availing of employment opportunities outside of Ireland. This is symptomatic of the overall recruitment problem that Mental Health services have been experiencing for the past number of years.



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte  
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath20.  
T 01 6207304 R: [Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie](mailto:Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie)

Mental Health Service  
St Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown Dublin 20  
Tel: 01-6207304 Email: [sinead.reynolds@hse.ie](mailto:sinead.reynolds@hse.ie)

CAMHS 2018 WTEs	National Total	CHO 3	CHO 5	CHO 5
	National Total	North Tipperary	South Tipperary	South Tipperary Team 2
Population 0-18 years	1,190,502	18,551	11,209	12,495
Clinical Psychologist	76.0	1.0	1.0	0.6
Consultant Psychiatrist	71.1	0.8	1.0	1.0
Non Nursing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nurse	114.4	3.0	2.0	2.6
Occupational Therapist	52.7	1.0	1.0	0.0
Other Staff	2.8	0.0	0.2	0.0
Other Therapist	8.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
Registrar/SHO	77.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
Senior Registrar	21.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Social Worker	88.3	1.6	1.0	0.0
Speech & Language Therapist	50.2	1.0	0.8	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>691.4</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Total Clinical</b>	<b>597.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>VFC Total</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>59.1%</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>51.9%</b>
<b>VFC Clinical</b>	<b>57.0%</b>	<b>63.7%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

**Building a Better Health Service**

CARE COMPASSION TRUST LEARNING



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte  
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath20.  
T 01 6207304 R: [Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie](mailto:Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie)

Mental Health Service  
St Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown Dublin 20  
Tel: 01-6207304 Email: [sinead.reynolds@hse.ie](mailto:sinead.reynolds@hse.ie)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

---

Dr Sinead Reynolds  
General Manager Mental Health Services

**Building a Better Health Service**

CARE COMPASSION TRUST LEARNING