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Deputy Anne Rabbitte
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To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the expansion of the homeless multidisciplinary team (Nursing, OT, Social Work) in CHO2; and the number of additional staff in whole-time equivalent terms recruited to date in 2019

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

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.

The HSE put in place the following posts in 2017; a Community Mental Health Nurse, a Mental Health OT and a Senior Social Worker to work with persons/individuals who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

The post holders work with individuals in Galway City and its environs by assisting this vulnerable cohort with complex needs, in partnership with Homeless Services and Galway City Council. One of the main aims is to address the individuals immediate needs and work intensely with them whilst they availing of homeless services.

These posts supplement the Homeless Registered General Nurse which is in place since 2009, funded by the HSE who supports homeless persons who have immediate needs.

In 2019 the following posts were added to the Homeless MDT; a Consultant Psychiatrist (0.5 WTE)), a Community Mental Health Nurse(0.8 WTE) and a RGN (0.5WTE) to work with this very complex group within Galway City and its environs.

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

Yours sincerely

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