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**Deputy James Browne TD**  
**Dail Eireann, Leinster House,**  
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**PQ Number: 31051/19**

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff working in CAMHS as of 8 July 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

Table hereunder outlines the latest available data regarding current staffing levels

CAMHS WTEs	Population 0-18 years	Administrative Support Staff	Child/Social Care Worker	Clinical Psychologist	Consultant Psychiatrist	Nurse	Occupational Therapist	Other Staff	Other Therapist	Registrar/SHO	Senior Registrar	Social Worker	Speech & Language Therapist	Total	Total Clinical	VFC Total	VFC Clinical
<b>National Total</b>	<b>1,190,502</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>739.4</b>	<b>643.4</b>	<b>59.7%</b>	<b>61.4%</b>
CHO 1	103,778	10.9	3.8	6.4	7.1	13.9	4.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	4.0	9.6	4.0	70.2	59.3	65.0%	64.9%
CHO 2	111,880	10.4	1.9	6.4	7.3	10.5	2.8	1.4	0.5	7.0	2.8	8.2	5.2	64.4	54.0	55.3%	54.8%
CHO 3	96,266	6.0	3.0	6.0	5.8	13.9	5.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	5.0	9.6	1.0	62.6	56.6	62.5%	66.8%
CHO 4	168,542	14.0	4.8	14.7	7.8	10.9	10.6	0.5	1.3	8.8	10.6	17.9	11.4	113.3	99.3	64.6%	67.0%
CHO 5	131,522	10.6	2.8	7.0	5.4	11.2	6.6	1.5	0.5	4.0	6.6	4.9	4.3	65.4	54.8	47.8%	47.3%
CHO 6	116,264	12.3	2.0	9.3	6.5	13.3	6.3	0.0	0.5	8.6	6.3	8.9	8.9	82.9	70.6	68.6%	69.0%
CHO 7	144,296	10.2	8.9	8.0	9.9	12.7	5.5	0.0	0.0	9.8	5.5	9.6	3.7	83.8	73.6	55.8%	58.0%
CHO 8	172,373	13.4	8.0	4.8	10.6	17.0	8.3	0.0	4.9	13.0	8.3	10.6	3.1	102.0	88.6	56.9%	58.4%
CHO 9	145,581	8.2	0.0	15.1	11.3	11.5	7.8	0.0	0.4	13.5	7.8	10.3	8.9	94.8	86.6	62.6%	67.6%

There are currently 63 Development and 178 replacement posts for CAMHS at varying stages of the recruitment process with the HSE National Recruitment Service .

Similarly, there are widely acknowledged difficulties in recruiting and retaining specialist CAMHS staff, particularly Consultant Psychiatrists. Recruitment efforts continue, including local and international advertising



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

Yours sincerely,

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

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