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To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress to recruit a Consultant Paediatric Psychiatrist for CAMHS Wexford South; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wallace,

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.

To date, Mental Health Services have been unsuccessful in securing a Consultant Psychiatrist for South Wexford CAMHS sector. The Waterford/Wexford Mental Health Service remains in continuous pursuit of recruiting a consultant psychiatrist for CAMH's Wexford South. A recruitment campaign has been managed by the Public Appointments Service together with bespoke advertisements placed in both national and international periodicals and medical journals.

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,

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

David Heffernan
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