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Deputy James Browne
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ 13621/19 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the development of adult and
Question: child mental health intellectual disability teams -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.

The current national MHID Service Development programme is continuing its work on establishing Baseline teams for both Adult and CAMHS-ID across the country and providing these teams with nationalised guidelines and structures

As of March 2019, 19 new Primary Notifications (PNs) have been released for both Adult and CAMHS-ID services. In total there will be 13 posts for CAMHS-ID and 6 posts for Adults teams (8 senior Psychology, 6 CNS, 1 Speech and Language, 1 Admin and 3 Consultant Psychiatrists posts).

These posts will be across 7 CHOs and are part of the strategic drive to build *Baseline* MHID teams across the country for both Adults and CAMHS-ID. These posts will bring us to €2,008,712 for 2018.

Additional funding of €1.7 million has been secured for 2019-2020. This funding will provide a further 18.5 posts aimed at completing the *Baseline* teams. PNs will only be realised once areas can demonstrate post "*Readiness*" and clear governance structures

Current and planned recruitment has increased across all 9 CHOs. To date three new permanent MHID consultants have been hired. In addition a locum Psychiatry and NCHD posts have been also been filled. Three further posts have been approved through CAAC and three further consultant posts had been re-advertised. Clinical Nurse Specialist and Psychology recruitment is proceeding with 3 new appointments and others in progress.

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Recruitment of specialist MHID staff is still a major difficulty across the country but specifically in certain geographic areas. A review of unfilled posts and budgets will be conducted to realistically look at options of how best to proceed, to develop MHID services considering the staffing issues.

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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