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Deputy Gerry Adams
Dáil Eireann,
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RE PQ 21088/19: To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels for the CAMHS team for County Louth; the way in which this compares with the recommended staffing levels in A Vision for Change; and the specific staff currently not recruited.

Dear Deputy Adams,

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 outline the position as follows.

A Vision for Change recommends 1 team per 50,000 population. Currently there are 3 Teams for Louth CAMHS.

Discipline	Vision for Change Staffing Recommendations	Current Staff	Staff Vacancies
Consultant Psychiatrist	3	3	0
NCHD	3	3	0
Clinical Psychologist	6	2 (Senior)	1 (Senior)
*Psychiatric Nurse	6	5	1
Social Worker/Social Care Leader	6	5	1
Occupational Therapist	3	3	0
Speech & Language Therapist	3	0.5	1
Admin Staff	6	3	0

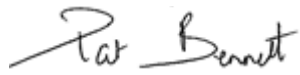
*Psychiatric Nurse includes CNS, CMHN & SN

The recommendations are as per A Vision for Change report. These are just recommendations and not funded vacancies and that is why there is a variance in the template.

A recent development in Louth CAMHS is the addition of an Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
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