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Pat Buckley TD,
Leinster House,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 47287/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Linn Dara campus in Cherry Orchard Hospital; the number of residential beds operational; the services offered by the day hospital; the staffing levels; the number of staff vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Buckley,

The Minister for Health has asked the HSE to respond directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question detailed above. I have made enquiries in relation to your question and the following outlines the position.

The Linn Dara CAMHS service operates across South Dublin, Kildare & West Wicklow. The current structure of the Linn Dara Service consists of:

- A Regional approved centre providing Specialist Inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: The unit operates 22 ward based beds and 2 high support beds.
- There are 7 Multidisciplinary Community Mental Health Teams. Each Multidisciplinary team is under the clinical direction of a Consultant Child Psychiatrist. There is 1 National Specialist Eating Disorder Multidisciplinary Team, 1 Regional MHID Team and ADHD Treatment Programme
- Currently all 24 beds are operational in the Linn Dara Approved Centre.

The Linn Dara Day programme was reconfigured in 2018 to reflect the change in need for service delivery to patients. This change was aligned with the Linn Dara school programme which continued during the transition of the day programme. From November 2018 to date, 41 young people have been enrolled on the Linn Dara Education Programme, part of the Linn Dara Adolescent Day Programme. Currently 13 young people are attending the programme.

Many of the other services previously delivered by the day program are now delivered through the Linn Dara CAMHS Community Teams.

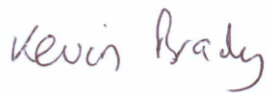
Like all services nationally recruitment in certain fields like Medical & Nursing remains challenging. The Linn Dara Management actively seek opportunities to increase staff numbers to further develop services.

The service vacancies are currently;

- 12.5 WTE Nursing vacancies (covered by agency staff)
- 7 WTE Medical Consultant vacancies (covered by agency staff)
- 2 WTE Social Workers (being progressed through recruitment process)
- 1 Occupational Therapist (being progressed through recruitment process)
- 1 WTE Psychologist vacancy, which is at contracting phase and is to be filled in early 2020.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or should require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Brady".

Kevin Brady
Head of Mental Health