



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20.
T 01 6207304 R: Sinead.reynolds@hse.ie

Mental Health Service
St Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown Dublin 20
Tel: 01-6207304 Email: sinead.reynolds@hse.ie

20th October 2019

**Deputy Aine Rabbitte TD,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

PQ 41547/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists employed by the HSE by county; if such positions are full-time; the number of vacant positions for child psychologists in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Anne Rabbitte

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

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. Child psychologists are employed by the HSE/HSE funded organisations across all care groups, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Primary Care services, Children's Disability Network Teams and in paediatric acute settings. While the HSE does not collect data in the manner requested please see attachment to this letter for breakdown of Psychologists working directly within CAMHS teams.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services