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PQ 15870/20

To ask the Minister for Health if there are vacancies in staffing in CAMHS in County Wexford; the length of time these vacancies have been for; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 15871/20

To ask the Minister for Health if the CAMHS in County Wexford is operating at a seven days a week model; if not, when a seven day a week service is planned to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 15868/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a CAMHS appointment in County Wexford at the end of quarter one of 2019 and quarter one of 2020, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 15867/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for CAMHS in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 15869/20

To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels in CAMHS in County Wexford by profession in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 15872/20

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a Jigsaw youth mental health service for County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed that matter and the following composite reply is the position.

There are two CAMHS teams in Wexford operating in the north of the county (CAMHS Wexford North) and in the south of the county (Wexford South). The CAMHS service within Wexford Mental Health Services operates on a Monday to Friday basis. All referrals for CAMHS services

come from the GP to the Consultant Psychiatrist and the CAMHS team. The CAMHS team will assess all referrals and subject to a mental health assessment regarding the presence of a mental health disorder will (a) accept the child for treatment and care or (b) refer the child to an alternative community service for follow up and appropriate service provision. I can confirm that the Wexford Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Wexford South Team occupied their new premises at Arden House, Whitemills, Wexford from 5th May 2020.

The following is the breakdown of the waiting lists for Wexford CAMHS Service:

	March 2019	March 2020	May 2020
Wexford North	51	49	44
Wexford South	0	22	0

The CAMHS Wexford Multi-Disciplinary Teams comprises of staffing across a broad range of Medical, Nursing, Allied Health Professionals inclusive of Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Social Work, Speech and Language Therapy, and Support Staff. I can also confirm that the Mental Health Services Senior Management Team in the South East Community Healthcare remains committed to the continued delivery of a high quality service user focused safe service. One of the main priorities is the continued enhancement of the CAMHS Teams, including the appointment of agreed new staffing subject to the current and ongoing programme for Government funding availability and within National HSE Paybill Management Frameworks.

South East Community Healthcare are not aware of any plans to develop a further Jigsaw programme within the region in 2020.

I trust that this clarifies. Should you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,



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