

17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire**  
**Leinster House**  
**Kildare Street**  
**Dublin 2**

**PQ 9484 / 20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in May 2018, 2019 and 2020 in community psychiatry, community psychology and community CAMHS areas in County Cork by area; and the positions recruited since October 2019 in County Cork in these sectors”**

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

The Health Service Executive has been asked to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health.

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. There are a total of eight sector based CAMHS Teams within Cork Mental Health Services. Each team comprises the following disciplines: Consultant Psychiatrists, NCHD's, Nursing Staff, Clinical Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Social Care Workers and Administration staff.

There is on-going capacity for recruitment of newly funded posts and replacement of critical clinical posts within frontline services.

In January 2018, the HSE launched its model of care for A National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders. The purpose of this mental health programme is to improve the safety, clinical outcomes and experience of people with eating disorders who attend HSE services by improving access and evidence based treatment in the most appropriate setting to meet their clinical needs. The National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders commenced the development of 8 eating disorder hubs nationally in its model of care, each to comprise of a specialist team for CAMHS and one for Adult. One of these are designated major hubs is located in Cork. The eating disorder team located in Cork has been established and comprises of 11.8wte staff.

Please see below actual staffing on each of the 8 sector based community teams in May 2018, May 2019 and 2020. It is important to note that, despite significant recruitment efforts, the North Lee North CAMHS Team have been without a permanent CAMHS Consultant since 2017. However temporary Consultant cover was put in place which is not reflected in the table below. Interviews recently took place for the permanent CAMHS Consultant posts in North Lee

North and North Lee West and the service is hopeful that these interviews will yield permanent candidates to these posts

MAY 2020			
Cork CAMHS Teams	Medical	Psychology	Other Disciplines
North Lee North	2	1.6	5
North Cork	3	3	6.6
North Lee East	3	3	4.8
North Lee West	3	1.8	4
South Lee / West Cork	2	2.4	5.1
South Lee 1	2	1.8	1.8
South Lee 2	1.8	1.8	4.8
South Lee 3	3	1.6	3.2

May 2019			
Cork CAMHS Teams	Medical	Psychology	Other Disciplines
North Lee North	0	1	2.45
North Cork	3	1.8	6.1
North Lee East	3	1.2	3.9
North Lee West	3	1.3	3.9
South Lee / West Cork	2	2.4	4.6
South Lee 1	2	1	2
South Lee 2	1.8	2	5.4
South Lee 3	3	2.4	6.24

MAY 2018			
Cork CAMHS Teams	Medical	Psychology	Other Disciplines
North Lee North	0	0.92	4.4
North Cork	3	1.8	6.1
North Lee East	2	1.8	2.1
North Lee West	3	0.8	5.3
South Lee / West Cork	1	1.4	2.8
South Lee 1	1.75	1	3.2
South Lee 2	1.8	1.4	4.6
South Lee 3	1.78	0.89	2.82

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



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