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**Duncan Smith TD,  
Dail Eireann  
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: **4360/20** - To ask the Minister for Health the levels of clinical staffing for CAMHS in each region; the annual targets for increasing clinical staff for CAMHS nationwide in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 based on the latest data available. Clinical staffing within CAMHS has been increasing annually and is working towards reaching the overall staffing levels recommended within Vision for Change. The HSE continues to identify service developments for clinical priority areas under the Programme for Government funding, and National Clinical Programs. Details of which can be found in the national service plan. As with all service areas CAMHS services are obliged to operate within, and make best use of the resources made available. The Table below shows the current position by CHO.

	VFC Clinical [% of recommendation]
CHO 1	63.1%
CHO 2	55.8%
CHO 3	63.0%
CHO 4	61.8%
CHO 5	39.8%
CHO 6	61.3%
CHO 7	55.2%
CHO 8	57.1%
CHO 9	61.5%
National	57.5%

*\*Please note this data relates to directly employed HSE employees and it does not take account of agency staff and overtime worked which are intrinsic to mental health service delivery in Ireland.*



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

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Sinead Reynolds  
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