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"To ask the Minister for Health the details of the HSE psychology staff resource allocation including basic grade and senior grade for each CAMHS and adult community mental health team across the North Lee, South Lee, North Cork and West Cork catchment areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. There are a total of eight sector based community mental health teams in Cork, supported by Eist Linn, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit which is based in Bessborough, Cork. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Teams are multi-disciplinary with Medical, Nursing, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy and Administration Staff. The multidisciplinary nature of the team is designed to ensure that children and adolescents are offered care and treatment for moderate to severe, and often complex, mental illness that requires a range of disciplines, skills and perspectives. The model of care is holistic and is based on a recovery approach. The following table outlines the total Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) psychology staffing assigned to each sector based team across Cork Mental Health Services:

Team	Senior WTE	Basic WTE
North Lee East	1	1
North Lee West	1	1
North Lee North	1	1.6
North Cork	1 (on maternity leave)	1
West Cork	1	1.4
South Lee1	1	0.8
South Lee 2	1	1
South Lee 3	1	1

Adult Mental Health Services

Services for Adults are provided through General Adult Community Mental Health Teams. All teams are multidisciplinary with Medical, Nursing, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Psychology and Administration Staff. Teams are led by Consultants in Psychiatry. The following table outlines the total WTE psychology staffing assigned to each sector based team across Cork Mental Health Services

Team	Senior WTE	Basic WTE
City North East	0.5	1
City North West	1.2	0.4
Cobh/Glenville	0	1.5
Midleton/Youghal	0	1.6
Blarney/Macroom	0	1.5
Kanturk	0	1
Mallow/Charleville	0	2
Fermoy/Mitchelstown	0	0.8
Mahon/Blackrock	0.8	0.6
Douglas/Carrigaline	0.5	2
Togher/Ballyphehane	0	1
Bishopstown/Ballincollig	0.9	1.83
Bandon/Kinsale	0	1.8
Bantry/Schull/Castletownbere	0	1
Skibbereen	0	0.6
Clonakilty/Dunmanway	1	0

In addition to the psychology staff assigned to each of the sectoral CAMHS and Adults teams as outlined above, there are also a number of other specialty teams within Mental Health Services which provide a service in the Cork area and which would have psychology staff assigned to them. These specialist teams include Psychiatry of Later Life, Early Intervention Psychosis, CAMHS Eating Disorder Team, Open Dialogue, Rehab, Mental Health Intellectual Disability and Home Based Treatment Teams.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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