

26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Ms Jennifer Murnane O' Connor TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 18559 21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of a psychologist for Wexford South CAMHS; the various recruitment steps which have been completed to date; the timeline by which the post is expected to be filled; when associated services will be operational; the position regarding the recruitment of a dietician for Wexford South CAMHS; the various recruitment steps which have been completed to date; the timeline by which the post is expected to be filled; when associated services will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murnane O' Connor

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

*I have reviewed this matter and the following is the position.*

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Senior Dietician Post:**

This post was processed by National Recruitment Service and offered to panelled candidates but unfortunately there was no uptake on the post. Please be assured that SECH Mental Health Services will continue to pursue the filling of the post through the prescribed recruitment process.

**CAMHS Psychologist:**

This Post continues to be with the National Recruitment Service and the processing of same is impacted by the backlog of other competitions awaiting filling by way of offer to candidates on the existing panels formed.

Should you require any further information in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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