

4th May 2021

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To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to treat young persons in County Wexford with an eating disorder; the plans in place to expand any eating disorder services for County Wexford; the number of young persons who are waiting for treatment for eating disorders in the county; 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 Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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

I can confirm that there are currently two CAMHS teams in County Wexford. The CAMHS teams provide for a broad range of mental health difficulties including the care of individuals with eating disorders. In addition, I can also confirm that there are 24 individuals receiving services from the CAMHS teams in relation to eating disorders.

Waterford/Wexford Mental Health Services currently have 1 senior dietician post with the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service which has been vacant for 18 months. The post has been offered to successful candidates following a recent competition but remains unfilled. SECH Mental Health will continue to pursue the filling of the post through the prescribed recruitment process.

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

Yours sincerely



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