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**PQ 59774 21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if a whole-time paediatric dietician position as opposed to a shared position will be approved and advertised for as part of the CAMHS team Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy

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:*

Approval is in place for the appointment of a Senior Dietician post for Waterford/Wexford CAMHS which is divided equally on the basis of 0.5 whole time equivalent for both the Waterford and Wexford CAMHS MHS. A national panel for Senior Dieticians is in place and expressions of interest have been made in order to fill the 0.5 whole time equivalent vacancies that are approved for both CAMHS services in Waterford and Wexford.

To date no candidate has expressed an interest and Waterford/Wexford MHS continue in their efforts to fill these approved vacancies in order to provide for equity in service delivery to both CAMHS services.

Waterford/Wexford MHS have made submissions in the 2022 budget estimates in order to try and facilitate an increased dietetic service to both Waterford and Wexford CAMHS MHS and will in addition continue to explore all options available including an expression of interest to suitably qualified external dietetic service providers.

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

Yours Sincerely



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