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** To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant mental health staff posts in County Mayo in child mental health services; the details of each vacant post; the length of time each post has been vacant; the actions being taken to address issues with workforce planning in mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Dillon,

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;

Notwithstanding the difficulties attached to recruiting staff during the Covid 19 Pandemic, every effort is made to fill vacancies as soon as they occur but there are significant challenges in the recruitment and retention of staff, particularly Allied Health Professionals, Nursing and Medical staff. This challenge however, can provide opportunities to deliver services that are focused on maximizing productivity and on service improvement and also expansion of different disciplines / workers in mental health services.

The following outlines the number of vacant mental health posts by grade currently in the Mayo Mental Health Service including the duration of the Vacancy.

- **Position No: 50542952 (Senior Social Worker) North Mayo CAMHS –**
Vacant due to retirement of previous post holder in Jan 21
This post is with the NRS for filling. The post has been accepted and we are awaiting a start date.



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- **Position No: 50127190 (Senior Dietician)** North Mayo CAMHS –
Vacant due to Maternity Leave. Presently being covered by Agency Staff.
- **Position No: 50122703 (Senior SLT)** North Mayo CAMHS –
Vacant due to Maternity Leave. Post temporarily filled on an acting basis.

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

Yours sincerely,

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