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To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant mental health staff posts in County Mayo in adult mental health services per sector; 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 table outlines the number of vacant mental health posts by grade currently in the Mayo Mental Health Service including the duration of the Vacancy.



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Staff Grade & Duration of Vacancy	Recruitment complete	Processing	Post accepted	Grand Total
Assistant Staff Officer		2	1	3
3 months		2		2
6 months			1	1
Clinical Nurse Specialist MH		1		1
48 months		1		1
Clinical Psychologist		1		1
2 months		1		1
Consultant Psychiatrist		1		1
8 months		1		1
Health Care Assistant		1		1
22 months		1		1
Maintenance Manager		1		1
0 months		1		1
Music Programme Facilitator (aligned to Play therapist)		1		1
5 months		1		1
Peer Support Worker		1		1
9 months		1		1
Psychologist	1			1
4 months	1			1
Senior Pharmacist		1		1
9 months		1		1
Senior Psychologist			1	1
4 months			1	1
Staff Nurse MH			2	2
3 months			1	1
5 months			1	1
Workshop Instructor (Music Programme Facilitator)		1		1
4 months		1		1
Workshop Supervisor/Instructor		2		2
23 months		1		1
4 months		1		1
Grand Total	1	13	4	18



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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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