



26th February 2021

Deputy Louise O'Reilly
 Dáil Éireann
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PQ Ref 8280/21 To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the growing waiting list to access CAMHS from the North County and City of Dublin CAMHS service based in Swords; the number employed by grade and whole-time equivalent; and if he will make a statement on the matter

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PQ Ref 8281/21 –

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the urgent need for additional staffing for the CAMHS service based in Swords, County Dublin; the details of the planned recruitment by grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Swords CAMHS team serves a population of 24,900 aged under 18, as per last published CSO Census statistics.

The current waiting times for Swords Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are as follows:

Timeframe	Number
0-3 Months	31
3-6 Months	24
6 -9 Months	6
9 – 12 Months	1
Total	64

The extenuating challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic have placed unprecedented levels of demand on all CAMHS Community services and the Swords CAMHS team are currently making all efforts to progress through their waiting list in as timely a fashion as possible.

The current number of staff employed assigned to the Swords CAMHS team by grade and whole time equivalent are outlined below:

Swords CAMHS by Discipline	WTE	Headcount
Administration	1	1
Consultant CAMHS Psychiatrist	2	2
NCHD	2	2
Nursing	1	1
Occupational Therapist	1	1
Psychology	3	4
Social Work	1.6	2
Speech and Language Therapist	2	3
Overall Total	13.6	16

The Swords CAMHS team is currently at full employment levels and has no vacancies.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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