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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by the HSE nationally to deliver the Self-Harm Intervention Programme - Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

In 2014 the National Clinical Programme for the Assessment and Management of Patients who present to the Emergency Department (NCPSH) was introduced in a number of emergency departments. In 2016 an agreed Model of Care was published and the service expanded. It established a clinical framework to ensure that any person who presents to the ED following self-harm or with suicide-related ideation receives a compassionate, empathic, validating response, and a therapeutic assessment and intervention from a suitably trained mental health professional; that every effort is made to ensure that a family member or supportive adult is involved in assessment and safety planning, and that they are followed up and linked to appropriate next care.

Consultant Psychiatrists, Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists and non-Consultant Hospital Doctors are responsible for delivering the programme, with Area Management Teams from each service ensuring it is fully implemented.

The funding and appointment of dedicated Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) has contributed to the improvements in response for people with self-harm or suicide-related ideation.

As of November 2021, the number of CNS's funded directly to the NCP is outlined in the table below.

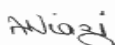
ED Department	Total CNS posts
Navan	1.00
Our Lady's Drogheda	1.00
Mayo General	2.00
Cavan General Hospital	1.00
Connolly Hospital	2.00
Kerry General	3.00

UHG	3.00
Portiuncula Hospital	1.00
Letterkenny	3.00
Sligo General Hospital	1.00
CUH	2.00
Mercy Cork	2.00
Mater	3.00
Beaumont	2.50
St. Vincent's Hospital	4.00
Kilkenny	1.00
Tullamore/Portlaoise (Self Harm)	2.00
South Tipperary General	1.00
Limerick Regional Hospital	1.00
Naas	3.00
Mullingar (Liasion)	1.00
Waterford	1.00
Wexford	1.00
St. James' Hospital	2.00
Tallaght	2.00
Temple Street	1
Crumlin	1
Tallaght Paeds	1

Please note that posts may be vacant at different times due to various types of leave and or while recruiting new staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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