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**** To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant psychiatrists with a special interest in gender identity employed by the HSE; if this number will be further increased; and the locations in which these consultants are based. -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 wish to advise you that contact was made with Ireland East Hospital Group, they responded with the below;

There is 1 WTE Consultant Psychiatrist employed in the NGS, which is based in St. Colmcille's Hospital. Loughlinstown; and to their knowledge that is the only Psychiatrist working in the HSE with specialist experience in gender identity.

I understand that further development of multidisciplinary gender care delivery in Ireland (including gender clinics) both in services for Children & Adolescents and for Adults is ongoing.

To address the deficit in capacity, the National Gender Service has submitted business cases for additional staff, with approval already provided for a number of posts (including Clinical and Admin posts) to allow the NGS to offer a more diverse range of supports and interventions. The staff requested include additional Consultant

Psychiatrists, but are mainly of other personnel (specifically, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Specialist Nurses, Physician Associates, and Speech and Language Therapists). CHI at Crumlin has recently interviewed and appointed a Paediatric Endocrinologist.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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