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**To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding provided to a centre (details supplied); the number of staff currently employed; the current services available; the number of vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

*E-Mental Health Hub, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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;

Approval has been given for the recruitment of 7 staff to put in place a new Psychiatry of Later Life (POLL) Day Hospital service in Aras Naomh Chaolain, Castlerea.

Approval has been received for the following posts:

- Consultant Psychiatrist
- NCHD
- Advance Nurse Practitioner
- Social Worker
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Senior Psychologist
- Senior Occupational Therapist

All of these posts are going through the recruitment process at the moment and they will be filled as soon as possible. Funding will be allocated to GRMHS for the posts as the staff are appointed.

In relation to the CAMHS Connect Services the following is the most update to date position;

Approval has been received for the following posts:

- Consultant Psychiatrist
- NCHD
- Advance Nurse Practitioner
- Senior Social Worker
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Senior Psychologist
- Senior Occupational Therapist

The Consultant, NCHD, ANP and Senior Social Worker for this Team have all been recruited and the remaining 3 posts are at an advanced stage of recruitment.

The following are the services now available from the CAMHS Connect Team:

- CAMHS Multi-Disciplinary Team clinics including a monthly CAMHS MHID clinic.
- Diagnostic assessments
- CBT and family therapy
- Outreach support

- CAMHS group work are running to deliver therapy to young people, YP, (a number of these YP have individual support as well), including innovative services such as
 - O.T. interventions using virtual reality technology for groups of YP, treating anxiety.
 - Local youth agencies, supported by Camhs staff holding groups in the hub.

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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