

11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Deputy Mark Ward  
 Dáil Éireann  
 Dublin 2

**PQ ref 21252/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of staff and the positions that they hold and vacancies in CAHMS South Kerry in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. There are a total of eight sector based community mental health teams in Cork and two sector based teams in Kerry. The CAMHS community based teams are supported by Eist Linn, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit.

With regards to your query, please see below table which outlines the actual whole time equivalent (WTE) staffing working across the South Kerry CAMHS team from 2018 - 2022. Of note, the data captured reflects the actual staff working on the team across the disciplines and therefore does not include staff WTE that were on maternity leave or other extended leave at the time. Unfortunately vacancies within the teams and disciplines were not historically captured therefore we are unable to provide you with this information.

South Kerry CAMHS Teams - WTE Compliment by Discipline								
	Medical	Nursing	Social Work	Psychology	OT	SALT	Admin	Other
2018	1	0.82	2	0.8	0.84	0.4	1.2	0
2019	2.5	1	2.5	0.8	1.5	1	1.5	0
2020	1.9	1	2	0.8	1	1	1.5	0
2021	3	1	2.8	0.8	0	1	1.5	0
2022 (as at Jan 22)	3	1	3	1.3	3	0	3	0

It is also important to note that CAMHS in common with all CAMHS services nationally has been experiencing difficulties in recruiting and retaining the services of CAMHS staff in recent years. Management in Kerry Mental Health Services have been taking every measure to acquire the

necessary resources, clinical and otherwise to ensure a quality service for the children of Kerry going forward.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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