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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS staff that have received their

professional qualifications in Ireland; and when the last review of the qualifications of staff within CAMHS was carried out in each county to ensure that staff met the level of

qualification that is necessary. -Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín

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.

Under Section 22 of the Health Act, the HSE has responsibility for setting and approving qualifications for appointments to HSE posts. Professional Qualifications are verified as part of the pre-employment process. In addition, the HSE verify that prospective employees, engaged in regulated professions are appropriately registered with the relevant professional body. Continuing Professional Development requirements are determined by the relevant regulatory body and are a requirement for continued registration. Data in relation to where the qualifications are awarded is not collated centrally and is retained on each individual staff personnel record.

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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