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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS consultancy posts across the health services; the number filled by permanent consultant temporarily filled; the number of vacant posts and the length of those vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Pádraig O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

At the end of December 2021, there was 77.7 WTE Consultant Psychiatrists across 73 community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Teams. Please see table below for breakdown by CHO area.

CHO AREA	Consultant Psychiatrist
CHO 1	8.0
CHO 2	6.6
CHO 3	7.0
CHO 4	8.2
CHO 5	9.0
CHO 6	6.5
CHO 7	11.2
CHO 8	11.3
CHO 9	9.9
National Total	77.7

Information pertaining to whether an appointment is temporary or permanent is not retained on national systems. Currently, data on vacancies is not collected.

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



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Yours sincerely,

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