

2nd February 2022

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 1298/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if a child psychologist will be appointed for south County Kerry as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in South Kerry currently have 0.8 WTE of a senior psychologist and 0.5 WTE staff grade psychologist in post. The staff grade will increase to 1.00 within the next couple of weeks. The South Kerry service has also received approval for the appointment of a Psychologist Assistant post and the recruitment process for this post is being progressed with the HSE’s national recruitment service. When in place, this will bring the overall psychology staffing compliment to 2.8 WTE within South Kerry CAMHS.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,



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