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**PQ Number: 30998/22**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of locum consultants currently working in CAMHS services by CHO in tabular form; the total amount paid to locum consultants in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

The data contained in Table 1 below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published dependent on the run date of the report as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

The below data represents the number of locum consultants currently engaged per CHO.

Medical Discipline	HG/CHO	Locum
CAMHS Consultant Psychiatry	CHO 1	1
	CHO 4	1
		1
	CHO 7	3
	CHO 8	1
		1
	CHO 9	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>



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Table 2 below provides detail on Consultant and NCHD agency spend for 2021 by CHO area.

<b>Mental Health Medical Agency spend</b>	
<b>CHO</b>	<b>2021 Spend €</b>
CHO 1	1,301,021
CHO 2	761,691
CHO 3	1,462,134
CHO 4	998,528
CHO 5	5,959,640
CHO 6	1,409,540
CHO 7	3,257,335
CHO 8	6,197,906
CHO 9	5,204,446
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26,552,240</b>

Currently, Mental Health are not in a position to break down the two types to get Consultant spend only. The current financial reporting system is aligned to Annual Financial Statement type (i.e. nursing pay, Drugs & Medicines etc.) and does not align to the services and sub-services in operation. The Future Health Report identified the financial and service information systems of the Health Service as not fit for purpose. In order to address this, over 200 legacy financial systems will be moved to a Single Integrated Financial and Procurement Management System (IFMS). This process is now underway and the IFMS project is currently in the detailed design phase. When the IFMS system is fully implemented, Mental Health will be in a position to report on expenditure and budget by service category however we are currently not in a position to do so.

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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