

23rd June 2022

Deputy Pa Daly
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 31065/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the current resources within the north Kerry CAMHS team noting those shared from other teams or areas and those which are full-time resources for north Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

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.

As you may be aware, there are long-standing workforce challenges and although additional investment has been approved for some community services, the ability to recruit and retain the community workforce is an on-going significant issue. These workforce challenges have grown over the last 2 years as a result of competing priorities to deliver essential programmes of work including vaccination services, test and trace services, the implementation of key policies as well as on-going operational challenges of winter, the COVID response and the cyber-attack.

With regard to current dedicated resources within the North Kerry CAMHS team, I have set out same on the table below as of June 2022:

Discipline	Whole Time Equivalent (WTE)
Consultant	1.0
Senior House Officer	2.0
Psychologist	1.0
Nurse -	0.8
Social Worker	0.6
Social Care Worker	1.0
Speech & Language Therapist	1.0
Admin	2.0

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 people of Kerry going forward.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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