

5th July 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 33187/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical staff, including breakdown of consultants, in-consultant hospital doctors and therapeutic staff on each CAMHS team in CHO4.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health needs. There are a total of eight sector based community mental health teams in Cork and two sector based teams in Kerry. The CAMHS community based teams are supported by Eist Linn, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare also have a Child & Adolescent Regional Eating Disorders service (CAREDS) operating day programmes and outpatient services. Please see table below in relation to WTE per discipline per CAMHS in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CHO4) team as requested as of 31st May 2022:

Team	Consultant Psychiatrist	Psychologist	Nursing	OT	Registrar/SHO	Senior Registrar	Social Worker	Child/Social Care Worker	SALT	Admin
Cork North Central	1	1.4	1	0	1	0	1.6	0.6	1	2
Kerry Team 1	1	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.6	1	1.6	1	0.8	2
Kerry Team 2	0.9	1.5	1	2	2	0	3	0	1	2.6
North Cork	0	2.8	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	2
North Lee East	1	2	0	1	1	1	1.6	1	0.6	2
North Lee West	1	1.5	0	1.5	1.8	0	1	0.6	0.8	2
West Cork	1	2.2	1	0.5	1	0	2	0	1.4	1
South Lee 1	1	1.3	1.6	1	1	1	2	0	0	1
South Lee 2	1	1.8	1	0	2	1	1.4	0.8	2	1.3
South Lee 3	1	2	1	1	2	0	1.5	1	1	1
CAREDS	0.8 & 0.2 Paediatrician	1	3.1	0	0	1	1	0	0.5	1

It is also important to note that CAMHS in common with all CAMHS services nationally has been experiencing difficulties in recruiting and retaining the services of CAMHS staff in recent years. Management in Cork Kerry Mental Health Services have been taking every measure including facilitating weekend clinics and waiting list initiatives to acquire the necessary resources, clinical and otherwise to ensure a quality service for the children of Cork and Kerry going forward.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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