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** To ask the Minister for Health the vacancies that remain at the new E-mental health hub in Castlerea, County Roscommon**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 following is the most update to date position regarding the CAMHS Connect Services:
Approval has been received for the following posts:

- Consultant Psychiatrist
- NCHD
- Advance Nurse Practitioner (ANP)
- Senior Social Worker
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Senior Psychologist
- Senior Occupational Therapist

The Consultant, NCHD, ANP and Senior Social Worker for this Team have all been recruited and the remaining 3 posts are at an advanced stage of recruitment. It is envisaged that all posts will be in place in 2022.

The following are the services now available from the CAMHS Connect Team:

- CAMHS Multi-Disciplinary Team clinics including a monthly CAMHS MHID clinic.
- Diagnostic assessments
- CBT and family therapy
- Outreach support



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- CAMHS group work are running to deliver therapy to young people, YP, (a number of these YP have individual support as well), including innovative services such as
 - O.T. interventions using virtual reality technology for groups of YP, treating anxiety.
 - Local youth agencies, supported by Camhs staff holding groups in the hub.

In relation to the Psychiatry of Later Life (POLL) Day Hospital service in Aras Naomh Chaolain, Castlerea, the NCHD, Social Worker and the Senior Psychologist posts has been recruited. The remaining posts, as outlined below, are going through the recruitment process at the moment and will be filled as soon as possible. It is envisaged that all posts will be in place in 2022.

- Consultant Psychiatrist
- Advance Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Senior Occupational Therapist

Please be advised that in addition to the staff for the new Day Hospital we have a fully functioning POLL Community Team in place who cover the area of Roscommon County. This Team are currently operating from this new facility in Castlerea, providing 3 outpatient clinics weekly. The Team includes Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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