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General Manager,
Mental Health Service

**Deputy Brendan Smith
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2**

20th April 2022

PQ 17034/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the proposals there are to provide additional resources for CAMHS in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Question, I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of the Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service.

An additional Occupational Therapist post, funded through local approval, has been filled since January 2022 and a business case to source long term, additional funding is being prepared. Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service has been given approval and funding for an additional Speech and Language Therapist for the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service in Cavan Monaghan in 2022. It is expected that this post will be filled no later than 4th quarter of 2022.

The National Mental Health Division has provided 12 months once-off funding for an Early Intervention Youth Mental Health Initiative. This initiative will be delivered by a Senior Psychologist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, a Youth Worker, with administrative support. The Psychologist is in post, the administrative support, the Clinical Nurse Specialist and Youth Worker are being recruited and will be in post in the coming weeks.

A candidate has been selected and is being progressed through the recruitment process for a Consultant Psychiatrist for CAMHS MHID post that was approved in 2016. We are hopeful that this person will be in post by Q 4 2022. Two additional posts have been approved to support this development – a Senior Psychologist and a Family Support Worker. The recruitment process for these posts has begun.

Please note that there are ongoing shortages of suitably trained and qualified staff available for recruitment, across all staff disciplines, nationally and internationally and this often impacts on our development plans for Mental Health Services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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