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**PQ 27365/22**

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff, their qualifications and the number of staff that are required in each category to provide services at the department of psychiatry, St. Luke's Hospital Campus, Kilkenny; if there are vacancies in any category; if so, the length of time that each vacancy has existed; the efforts that have been made by the HSE to fill each vacancy; if he will set out the level of funding provided in each of the past five years to improve the services and the physical infrastructure to the department of psychiatry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Details Supplied:** If there is a capital plan for the next 5 years relative to the DOP itself and if so if he will outline that plan and the indicative timeline for delivery.

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which was submitted to the Minister of Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

**Staffing - Department of Psychiatry (DOP) Kilkenny**

Discipline	No of Staff -DOP	Current Vacancy Y/N	Effort made to fill vacancy
Consultant Psychiatrist - Actual	16	N	
NCHD	13	N	
ADON	1	N	
CNM3	2	Y 1	awaiting approval (paybill)
CNM3 (night duty on THA )	2	N	
CNM2	4	N	
Nurses	30	Y	Filled by reconfiguration with existing service/agency staff
Occupational Therapist	2	N	
Administration	5	N	
Support Staff	12	Y2	Currently filled via agency, panel utilised.Awaiting commencement of last candidate following this, request will be made to run new campaign
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>		

**Funding provided in each of the past five years to improve the services and the physical infrastructure of Department of Psychiatry (DOP)**

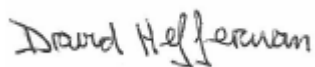
- 2019-2020 €1.3m expenditure DOP for refurbishment and anti-ligature works
- 2021-2022 Anti-ligature works/doors ongoing, estimate cost of works €206,850

### Capital Plan for DOP and estimated timeframe

<b>2022</b>	
Quarter 3	Funding Approved, start design team tender
Quarter 4	Design Team on board, commence design
<b>2023/2024</b>	
Quarter 1 (2023)	Quarter 1 (2024) Design phase/planning approvals received / prepare tender documentation
<b>2024</b>	
Quarter 1	Contractor tender stage/ appoint contractor
Quarter 2-Quarter 4	Construction (enabling works - new parking multi-storey)
<b>2025/2026</b>	
Quarter 1 (2025)	Complete Multi-storey Parking
Quarter 2 (2025)-Quarter 4 (2026)	Progress DOP Construction
<b>2027</b>	
Quarter 1-Quarter 2	DOP Construction / Equipping
<b>2027</b>	
Quarter 3	Handover

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

Yours sincerely



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