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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 Kilkenny and Carlow CAMHS; 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 of CAMHS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

Discipline	No of Staff required in KK & Carlow CAMHS	Current Vacancy Y/N	Effort made to fill vacancy
Consultant Psychiatrist - Actual	1	y- 1WTE	Consultant post vacant April 2022: Consultant Psychiatrist identified start date July 2022
Senior Registrar - Actual	1	N	
Registrar/SHO - Actual	1	N	
Social Worker - Actual	1.9	N	
Clinical Psychologist - Actual	2	N	
Speech and Language Therapist	1	N	
Nurse - Actual- CNS	3	N	
Child/Social Care Worker	2.7	N	
Occupational Therapist - Actual	1.6	N	
Family Therapist - Actual	0.4	N	
Administration Support - Actual	1.2	N	
Play Therapist	0.3	N	
Total Staff	17.1		

**Note: column two refers to number of staff in situ.*

The level of funding provided in each of the past five years to improve the services and the physical infrastructure of CAMHS.

- 2022 Plan in progress for CAMHS Phase II St Canice's Complex - at design/ planning stage current allocation €100,000.

- 2021 Carlow CAMHS - works at St Dymphna's Hospital, improvement to service and physical infrastructure, estimated completion date Quarter 3 2022- Spend €100,322
- 2022 Carlow CAMHS - works at St Dymphna's Hospital, improvement to service and physical infrastructure, estimated completion date Quarter 3 - Spend to date €635,017.

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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