

14th June 2022

Deputy Thomas Gould
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 27905/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent staff by role in each of the Cork CAMHS teams respectively, in tabular form that would be considered full staffing.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 operating day programmes and outpatient services. Please see table below in relation to WTE per discipline per Cork CAMHS team as requested as of March 2022

Team	Consultant	Registrar SHO	Senior Registrar	Psychologist	OT	Nurse	Social Worker	Child/Social Care Worker	SALT	Admin	Other	Other Therapist
Cork North Central	1	1	0	1.4	0.8	1	1.6	0.6	0.5	2	0	0
North Cork	0.8	1	1	2.8	0.6	2	2	1	1	2	0	0
North Lee East	1	1	1	2	1	1	1.6	1	1.2	2	0.4	0
North Lee West	1	1.8	0	1.5	1.5	0	1	0.6	0.8	2	0	0.4
South Lee / West Cork	1	1	0	2.6	0.5	1	2	0	1.6	1	0	0
South Lee 1	1	1	1	1.3	1	1.6	2	0	0	1	0	0
South Lee 2	1	2	1	2	0	1	1.4	0.8	2	1.3	0	0
South Lee 3	1	1	0	3	1	1	1.5	1	1	1	0	0

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 Mental Health Services have been taking every measure to acquire the necessary resources, clinical and otherwise to ensure a quality service for the children of Cork going forward.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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