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To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies at a centre (details supplied); and the length of time that each vacancy has existed - E-Mental Health Hub, Castlerea, Co. 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;

Please be advised that the following is the most up to date data in relation to the CAMHS Connect and POLL Day Hospital services in Castlerea:

The following is the most update to date position regarding the CAMHS Connect Services:

Recruitment is now completed and staff are in post as per the funding received nationally to support this initiative, namely:

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

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

- 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.

Please be advised that the Psychiatry of Later Life (POLL) Day Hospital in Castlerea was successful in obtaining funding for 7 new development posts to develop the POLL Day Hospital in Castlerea. Following a review of the requirement of the clinical team in getting this service operating to the maximum, I have agreed to fund an additional 3 posts to bolster the team.

The following 7 posts are the posts that we received Nationally:

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

In addition to these 7, the following 3 posts have been approved locally as part of this service:

- CNM2
- Staff Nurse
- Healthcare Assistant

The remaining posts to be filled are the Consultant, the Psychologist and the CNS. The Psychologist and the CNS are at an advanced stage of recruitment and it is hoped to have a Locum Consultant in place in the coming months.

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 the 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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