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Ms Violet-Anne Wynne TD,  
Dàil Eireann,  
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RE: PQ 58406/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist dietitians, nutrition specialists, and therapists specialising in eating disorders working out of Ennis General Hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne**

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

There is currently one senior dietician assigned to Ennis Hospital. There are no specialist dietitians, nutrition specialists or therapists specialising in eating disorders in Ennis Hospital.

I can advise in relation to the wider region that children with eating disorders who require admission for initial assessment and treatment at UHL are under the care of a Consultant General Paediatrician with input from Consultant Child Psychiatrist and CAMHS team when available. There are no specialist Consultant Psychiatrists, Nurses or Dieticians dedicated for eating disorders at UHL.

Please note, there are a number of mental health services operating across the Mid-West. These are managed by our colleagues in Community Healthcare Mid West and not in the acute setting.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Executive Officer**  
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