

17th October 2022

Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D.
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ ref: 49326/22

** To ask the Minister for Health when adequate staff will be recruited to the Galway CAMHS in order that they can provide a comprehensive service in the Connemara region of County Galway; the base from which this service is provided at present; the number of staff employed; the extent of the present delay in providing assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter . **

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

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;

West Galway CAMHS Community Mental Health Team comprises 11.0 whole time equivalents

West Galway CAMHS WTE - September 2022	
Profession	WTE
Consultant Psychiatrist	1
Sr. Reg	0
SHO	1.1
Social Worker	2
Clinical Psychologist	1.8
O.T	0.7
Speech and Language	0.4
Nurse	1
Social Care Worker	0.6
Dietician/Other Therapist	0.4
Admin Support	2
TOTAL	11

The "Vision for Change" strategy for Mental Health Services recommendation for a full CMHT is 13 staff

Range of Disciplines Recommended in AVFC	WTEs per Team
Consultant Psychiatrist	1
Doctors in Training	1
Psychiatric Nurse	2
Clinical Psychologist	2
Social Worker	2
Occupational Therapist	1
Speech & Language Therapist	1
Child Care Worker	1
Administrative Staff	2
Other e.g. Multitask Attendants	

CHW Mental Health Services have applied for funding in the 2023 Estimates to complete team staffing to Vision for Change recommended levels.

This service operates from Ballard House, Westside, Galway City.

West Galway CAMHS CMHT has 48 referrals awaiting assessment at end of September 2022.

West Galway CAMHS Wait Times - September 2022	
Time Frame	No. of Patients on List
0-3 Months	18
3-6 Months	19
6-9 Months	9
9-12 Months	1
>12 Months	1
TOTAL	48

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Meehan', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Charlie Meehan
Head of Mental Health Services
Community Healthcare West