

27th September 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 44440/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of liaison psychiatrists for children in CHO4; the number of liaison psychiatrists for children at South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

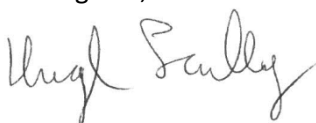
In Cork Kerry Community Healthcare there are a total of ten sector based community CAMHS teams, eight sector based community mental health teams based in Cork and two sector based teams based in Kerry. In addition, a specialist Eating Disorder service for children and adolescents aged < 18 years was established to provide specialist services across Cork and Kerry, in 2019 (the CAREDS team). Sector teams work from primary care centres, standalone buildings and voluntary and community sector shared buildings. Cork University Hospital and Mercy Hospital Cork also have the support of a CAMHS Liaison psychiatry service.

At present there is one CAMHS Liaison Psychiatrist and one Registrar providing a CAMHS Liaison Psychiatry service to both Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital to young people aged less than 18 years. A Clinical Nurse Specialist in CAMHS Liaison Psychiatry will take up post in the coming weeks. If a young person in South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital requires CAMHS Liaison review, the CAMHS Liaison team will review these young people in either Cork University Hospital or Mercy University Hospital.

If a child has a mental health concern we would urge them or their parent/guardian to contact their GP or, as outlined above, present to nearest emergency department to access the necessary supports available to them.

I trust the above clarified the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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