

South East Community Healthcare, Mental Health Services, St. Canice's Hospital Complex, Kilkenny R95P231

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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 764 of 12 July 2022, the current status of the recruitment of the approved whole-time equivalent senior dietitian post for the Wexford CAMHS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed this matter and the following is the position:

Approval for the appointment of a Senior Dietician to CAMHS Waterford Wexford is in place. Unfortunately despite ongoing efforts to recruit from national panels no candidates have expressed an interest in this post.

South East Community Healthcare Mental Health Services are now looking at a number of options for Wexford CAMHS and I can confirm it is the intention of SECH Mental Health Services to proceed with a bespoke recruitment campaign in this regard to be facilitated by year-end or as soon as possible thereafter.

Should you require any further information in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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