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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels in each of the 73 CAMHS teams; how many CAMHS teams are fully staffed; the vacancy rates per CAMHS team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health teams, such as moderate to severe anxiety disorders, moderate to severe depression, Bi Polar Affective disorder, Psychosis, moderate to severe eating disorders, self-harm that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health team.

Currently there are 75 Community CAMHS Teams in operation nationally with 818.4 whole time equivalents in situ. The table below provides the breakdown by staff category. Please be advised that this data is correct at point in time as at 18/04/2023.

CAMHS WTEs	Administrative Support Staff	Child/Social Care Worker	Clinical Psychologist	Consultant Psychiatrist	Nurse	Occupational Therapist	Other Staff	Other Therapist	Registrar/SHO	Senior Registrar	Social Worker	Speech & Language Therapist	Total	
National Total	National Total	120.8	30.4	99.3	83.6	139.1	59.1	8.7	8.1	97.0	22.8	91.4	58.2	818.4



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In relation to vacancy rates, the HSE does not routinely collect data on vacancies due to the dynamic nature of our workforce and movement within services. In general terms, vacancies are filled on an ongoing basis to meet service needs. Turnover data, however is captured. The most up to date turnover rate for Mental Health Service is Q4 2022. The table below sets out the turnover rate per Staff Category per CHO

	Medical & Dental	Nursing & Midwifery	Health & Social Care Professionals	Management & Administrative	General Support	Patient & Client Care	Total
CHO 1		1.7%	1.9%	2.1%	1.2%	2.1%	1.7%
CHO 2		1.0%		2.2%	1.8%	1.0%	1.0%
CHO 3	3.1%	3.0%	2.2%	2.6%		4.9%	2.9%
CHO 4	5.6%	2.0%	1.3%	0.8%		3.8%	2.0%
CHO 5	2.7%	2.6%	0.8%	0.9%	2.3%	1.9%	2.2%
CHO 6	5.8%	1.8%	2.3%	4.1%			2.2%
CHO 7	3.6%	2.9%	3.5%	1.1%	9.5%	0.8%	2.7%
CHO 8	2.6%	2.1%	0.6%	3.0%		0.6%	1.7%
CHO 9	1.7%	4.1%	2.2%	2.3%	4.7%	0.6%	3.1%
Other Comm		2.4%					1.2%
	3.0%	2.4%	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%	1.6%	2.1%

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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