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Deputy Cathal Crowe
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30th April 2023

Re: PQ ref 17942/23 "To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the Health Service Executive will urgently look at appointing a dedicated psychiatrist for children with disabilities in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Crowe,

Community Healthcare Service currently contracts Suffolk medical to provide an interim Mental Health Intellectual Disability service. This service provides 2 mid-week telehealth clinics and 1 weekend Telehealth / Face to Face clinic per month. This is an interim measure until the full MHID Child Service is established.

We have appointed a 0.8WTE Consultant Psychiatrist to lead a MHID Team for children and young people with MHID needs in the Mid-West. It is anticipated they will take up post in Q4 2023, however, this is dependent on successful recruitment to backfill their CAMHS position as recruitment of CAMHS consultants is an ongoing challenge.

Other posts approved for this team are:

- Senior Psychologist
- Senior Occupational Therapist
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Grade IV Administrator

I trust this answers your queries, please feel free to contact me if you require further information

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nuala Kelly".

Nuala Kelly
Head of Service,
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