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**Re: PQ 4997/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff working in all CAMHS services in County Louth, by name and location of service, total number of staff employed, and the number of vacant posts, in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023 in tabular form covering south Louth and east Meath as of 1 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter." – Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outlined the position as follows.

As recruitment is a fluid process it has been necessary to use an individual date for each year in order to gain comparative figures. As there are limitations to our reporting system, these figures have been verified and validated by the appropriate line managers.

The following table outlines the staffing in place for all of Louth CAMHS teams. The South Louth East Meath (ELMS) CAMHS team figures are included in this. The date used for the 2020 to 2022 figures has been the 1<sup>st</sup> of December for each of the years requested. The date used for the 2023 figures, for comparative purposes, was the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

Please note the following important points in relation to the table:

- All figures are given as a count of posts only and do not represent a WTE of posts. Therefore each post numbered should be viewed as a head count and not as 1 WTE. Where there is a headcount of 29 in Louth there is 26.68 WTE. Where there is a headcount of 7 in ELMS there is 6.8 WTE.
- Some of the below vacancies have been covered through agency.



CAMHS Team	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	No. of Occupied Posts	No. of Vacant Posts	No. of Occupied Posts	No. of Vacant Posts	No. of Occupied Posts	No. of Vacant Posts	No. of Occupied Posts	No. of Vacant Posts
	<i>All County Louth Admin</i>	1	0	1	0	2	0	3
<i>All County Louth Nursing</i>	6	2	7	1	7	2	8	1
<i>All County Louth Occupational Therapy</i>	3	0	3	0	2	1	2	1
<i>All County Louth Psychiatry</i>	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0
<i>All County Louth Psychology</i>	4	0	4	0	3	1	3	1
<i>All County Louth Speech &amp; Language</i>	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	2
<i>All County Louth Social Work</i>	4	0	4	0	2	2	4	0
<i>All County Louth Social Care</i>	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0
<b>Total Staff Employed</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Current WTE</b>							<b>26.68</b>	
<i>ELMS Admin</i>	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
<i>ELMS Nursing</i>	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	1
<i>ELMS Occupational Therapy</i>	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
<i>ELMS Psychiatry</i>	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
<i>ELMS Psychology</i>	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
<i>ELMS Speech &amp; Language</i>	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
<i>ELMS Social Work</i>	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
<i>ELMS Social Care</i>	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total Staff Employed</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Current WTE</b>							<b>6.8</b>	

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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