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PQ Ref: 5237/23 "To ask the Minister for Health the aggressive recruitment strategy that his Department will engage in, with respect to significant vacancies in CAMHS mid west; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I acknowledge receipt of your recent query regarding CAMHS, Mid West Community Healthcare. Providing child & family centred high quality CAMHS service, is a key priority for the Mental Health Management Team, in Mid West Community Healthcare.

I wish to advise that the current vacancies in CAMHS Mid West are as listed below:

- 2.0 WTE Nursing Posts (vacant and in process of backfill).
- 1.0 WTE Social Care Leader (vacant and in process of backfill).
- 2.0 WTE Maternity Leave (vacant and in process of backfill))
- 2.0 WTE Occupational Therapists (vacant and in process of backfill).
- 1.0 WTE Basic Grade Psychologists (vacant and in process of backfill)

A key indicator of our commitment to the development of the CAMHS service in the Mid-West, is that we have recruited additional Consultant Child Psychiatrists from, 3.6WTE to 7.2WTE in recent months.

Filling vacancies is a key priority for us, and I confirm that we are progressing the backfill of the above vacant posts in a timely manner.

Yours Sincerely,

Nuala Kelly.

Head of Service - Mental Helath Service, Mid West Community Healthcare