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Catherine Murphy TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2
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Re: PQ 8356/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist with a special interest in psychiatry of learning disability based in County Kildare in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has requested that the HSE respond directly to you on this matter. I have examined the question raised and the following outlines the position.

This specialist mental health service for children and adolescents with an intellectual disability and co-morbid mental disorder is provided by community CAMHS-ID teams, specifically mental health services for children and adolescents with a moderate to profound intellectual disability, this model of care affords them for the first time equitable access to specialist mental health services as their peers.

The multi-disciplinary team consists of a Consultant Psychiatrist, NCHD (Non Consultant Hospital Doctor), Psychologist, Nursing, Speech and Language therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work and administration support.

They provide assessment, formulation, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders which significantly impact on everyday functioning to a degree that requires specialist CAMHS-ID input.

- Development of co-produced individual care plans.
- Provision of multidisciplinary team interventions for CAMHS-ID service users as needed to support their mental health diagnosis.
- Provision of appropriate and specific staff and carer mental health education and training.
- Development of discharge and after-care planning. Mental health medication management.



- Liaison with children's disability network teams, education services and mental health services.
- Working with acute children's mental health inpatient services where appropriate

Please see the table below as requested:

Consultant child & Adolescent Psychiatrist in County Kildare 2022-2023

Name:	Occupation:	Location:
Dr Jeothy Damodaran	Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist	Linn Dara CAMHS-ID Service, Kildare West Wicklow

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Brady Head of Service, Mental Health

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