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PQ 3951/23

To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels within the Wexford CAMHS services; the vacancies that are presently available within the Wexford CAMHS services; the vacancies that are currently with the national recruitment services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 3952/23

To ask the Minister for Health the current number of referrals for support services to Wexford CAMHS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 3953/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for support services to Wexford CAMHS services that were diverted to the child disability network team services in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 3954/23

To ask the Minister for Health the acceptance rate for referrals to Wexford CAMHS in each of the years 2019 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 3956/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an initial assessment for support services in Wexford CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed this matter and the following composite response is the current position.

CAMHS is the specialist service for children and young people with severe to moderate mental ill health.

There currently are two CAMHS Teams in Wexford. The current staffing levels in Wexford CAMHS services are as follows:

- North Wexford - 6.3 WTE in post at December 2022
- South Wexford - 7.3 WTE in post at December 2022

There are vacancies in Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Dietetics. Please note agency staff are in place to cover the social work vacancy in South Wexford. Recruitment campaigns have been held for the Occupational Therapy and Dietetics posts - unfortunately, without success to date. Recruitment across all mental health services is ongoing on a continual basis.

With regard to your request for numbers of referrals for support services and numbers awaiting initial assessment for support services, please be advised that this data is not currently routinely collated and would require a manual review of all files. Similarly with regard to referrals from CAMHS services to Support Services in Children's Disability Network Teams this is not routinely collated in the format as requested and would require a manual review of all files.

Please see table below for acceptance rates for referrals to Wexford CAMHS teams over the period requested.

Acceptance Rates for CAMHS Referrals from 2019 - 2022 in Wexford Teams				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
North Wexford	57%	58%	32%	49%
South Wexford	59%	59%	35%	29%

Please note that all referrals to CAMHS are triaged with urgent referrals are prioritised in line national KPIs.

CAMHS services across South East Community Healthcare are working together to improve provision to our children and young people and to further develop integration with other services.

I trust that this clarifies. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely



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