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Deputy Mark Ward,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the current number of forensic CAMHS teams in place; the target number of forensic CAMHS teams to be in place; the current and target numbers for forensic CAMHS inpatient beds and their expected opening dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 the following outlines the position.

The National Forensic Mental Health Service currently has one 'In-Reach' forensic CAMHS service to the Oberstown Children Detention Campus. This service has been in place since 2014 and requires weekly on-site attendance by the Multi-Disciplinary Team, which includes a forensic CAMHS Psychiatric Nurse and a Social Worker from the NFMHS. This in-reach service has been successful in meeting the mental health needs for young people detained in the Oberstown Campus.

As part of the capital project build for the NFMHS, a ten bedded unit was constructed for forensic CAMHS. At the planning stage of the NFMHS, this capacity requirement was considered appropriate. However, a further service needs analysis is due to commence in 2023 to review the requirements for forensic CAMHS in-patient beds in NFMHS. This service needs analysis will advise on any future capacity requirements for forensic CAMHS services.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony McCusker'.

Tony McCusker
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