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Re: PQ REF 4177/23 "To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a new consultant-led multidisciplinary CAMHS hub in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Wynne

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

Mid West Community Healthcare has commenced a recruitment process for the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Hub.

The CAMHS hub will provide individual support to young people with high risk acute mental health needs and support CAMHS teams in delivering enhanced responses to children, young people and their families/carers, in times of acute mental health crisis. The primary aim of the CAMHS Hub is to provide timely access to expert assessment and brief intervention for young people requiring urgent care in collaboration with CAMHS Teams.

The posts approved for this team are:

- 0.5 WTE Consultant Psychiatrist
- Senior Social Work Team Leader
- Senior Occupational Therapist
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Grade IV Administrator

We look forward to securing a 0.5 WTE Consultant Psychiatrist to lead out on this welcome initiative for children and young people in the Mid-West.

I can confirm that of the additional posts for this team, the Senior Occupational Therapist has been filled with all the other posts are in varying stages of recruitment.

I trust this answers your queries, please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nuala Kelly'.

Nuala Kelly
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