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**PQ Ref 32569/23: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 1 February 2023, while filling vacancies may be a key priority, what is the current strategy to fill vacancies in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Wynne,

In 2022 there were 11 posts recruited in Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services in the Mid-West.

1 x Social Worker Team Leader  
1 x Clinical Nurse Specialist  
1 x Senior Psychologist  
1 x Senior Occupational Therapist  
2 x Staff Grade Psychologist  
4 x Grade IV Administration  
1 x Senior Registrar

In 2023 so far there have been 4 Posts Recruited

1 x Social Work Team Leader  
1 x Grade IV Administration  
1 x Speech & Language Therapist  
1 x Consultant Psychiatrist

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

2 WTE staff grade psychologist  
4 WTE Social Worker  
2 WTE Speech & Language Therapists

In 2023 there were 2 campaigns ran for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Staff (Consultant Psychiatrist in January 2023 and a Staff Nurse in June 2023).

As above levels of recruitment demonstrate, Human Resources have prioritised the recruitment of staff for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services. 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,

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

Nuala Kelly,  
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