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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS teams per CHO area; if there are any additional CAMHS teams in development; if there is a target number for CAMHS teams nationally; 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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of a multidisciplinary mental health teams.

Currently, there are 75 Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) teams operating across the 9 Community Healthcare Organisations (CHO's). Community based care is undergoing substantial reform in line with *Sláintecare*. This will involve a significant re-structuring in how services are delivered and will ensure care is provided in an equitable, efficient and integrated way through newly established Community Healthcare Networks.

The table below outlines the CAMHS teams currently in operation in each CHO area.

CAMHS Services	No. of Teams
CHO 1	8
CHO 2	6
CHO 3	6
CHO 4	11
CHO 5	7
CHO 6	6



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CHO 7	11
CHO 8	12
CHO 9	8
Total	75

Two additional CAMHS teams are planned to come on stream in the near future. These are a Child and Adolescent ADHD Service in Cork/Kerry Community Healthcare (CHO 4) and Lucena Century Court Team 2 in Community Healthcare East (CHO 6).

I have liaised with the Head of Service for Mental Health in CHO 4 and CHO 6 in relation for an update. Please see comments below.

CHO4

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare are currently recruiting staff to provide a dedicated CAMHS ADHD assessment hub. This service will be located in Ballincollig and will provide supports for 120 children from Cork and Kerry over a six month period. The service is expected to commence in September 2023.

CHO6

Century court have been operating as one and half clinical teams with 1.5 WTE Consultant Psychiatrist. Funding has recently been agreed to upgrade to 2WTE Consultant Psychiatrists which is very welcome. However, there has been no extra WTE resources to support the half time clinical team. CHO6 have put forward as a service priority to obtain additional social work and psychology posts.

In relation to other CAMHS services, other recent developments include a 5 WTE Eating Disorder team and a 4 WTE CAMHS Hub team.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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