



25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Deputy Aindrias Moynihan,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 35701/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the current level of mental health supports available for persons with eating disorders in the County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The HSE has developed a new Model of Care for Eating Disorder Services in Ireland, and funded development post under Programme for Government for Eating Disorders Services.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/mental-health/eating-disorders/moc/hse-eating-disorder-services-model-of-care.pdf> This Model of Care has been developed in association with the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland and Bodywhys

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) have recruited a Clinical Eating Disorder lead to deliver a local Adult Eating Disorder Team from Fastnet House, Cork Business & Technology Park, Model Farm Road, Co. Cork who will commence with CKCH in July 2023.

I outline hereunder a breakdown of the approved posts by Staffing Category.

Table 3: Staffing Category			Number
Consultant Psychiatrist	General	Adult	1.2
Senior Registrar			1.0
Registrar			0.5
Clinical Nurse Specialist (Mental Health)			3.0
Senior Social Worker			1.0
Psychologist, Senior Clinical			2.0
Occupational Therapist, Senior			1.0



<b>Occupational Therapist, Senior</b>	0.1
<b>Occupational Therapist, Senior</b>	0.5
<b>Senior Dietician</b>	1.0
<b>Clinical Specialist Dietician</b>	0.1
<b>Admin</b>	2.0

With regard to the remainder of the team, to date recruitment has progressed well, with 63% of posts or 8.5 WTE offered and accepted:

- 2 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialists
- 2 WTE Senior Clinical Psychologists
- 2 WTE Grade IV
- 0.5 WTE NCHD
- 1 WTE Senior Occupational Therapist
- 1 WTE Senior Registrar.

Progress is also being made on recruiting the remainder of the posts: 1 WTE CNS (campaign underway), 1 WTE Senior Dietician (expressed to panel), 0.1 WTE hospital dietician (awaiting approval), 0.1 WTE creative therapist (awaiting approval). This team will also be moving to a dedicated newly developed space on the ground floor of Fastnet House, Model Farm Road, Cork.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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