



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Mr Mattie McGrath T.D.  
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Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin

**PQ 13563/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the WTE allocations for team 1 and team 2, in the CAMHS teams based in Clonmel, County Tipperary, broken down into disciplines; the vacancies within each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 13564/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the caseload numbers for both CAMHS teams based in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the number of referral's received in 2022; the number of those referrals that were refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 13582/23**

To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a vacant psychology post on the CAMHS Team in Clonmel, County Tipperary remains vacant and the recruitment drive received no applications; the urgent efforts that are being made to address the lack of interest in such posts and the recruitment difficulties; if he is concerned about the ongoing difficulties with recruitment that the HSE is experiencing particularly in relation to disability and mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following composite response is the current position.*

**CAMHS Staffing Allocations**

**Table 1: CAMHS Team 1**

Discipline	Grade on Team	WTE Allocation	Vacancy
Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist		1	0
NCHD		1	0
Psychiatric Nurse	Clinical Nurse Specialist	2	0
Speech & Language Therapist,	Speech & Language Therapist Senior	1	0
Senior Clinical Psychologist		1	1

Occupational Therapist,	Senior Occupational Therapist	1	0
Administration	Grade IV &G111	2	.6
Social Worker,	Social Work Team Leader/ Social Worker	1	0
Dietician		.25	.25
Advanced Nurse Practitioner		1	0

**Table 2: CAMHS Team 2**

Discipline	Grade on Team	WTE allocation	Vacancy
Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist		1	0
NCHD		1	0
Psychiatric Nurse	Clinical Nurse Specialist	3	0
Speech & Language Therapist,	Senior Speech & Language Therapist	1	0
Senior Clinical Psychologist		1	0
Occupational Therapist,	Senior Occupational Therapist	1	0
Administration	Grade IV &G111	2	.3
Social Worker,	Social Work Team Leader/ Social Worker	1	0
Dietician		.25	.25
Clinical Nurse Manager 3		1	0

**Table 3: CAMHS Activity 2022**

CAMHS Team	No. Referrals received	No. Referrals Refused
Team1	105	48
Team 2	259	140

### **Psychology Post**

The National Recruitment Service initially expressed the vacant Psychology post for CAMHS Team 1 out on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023; however, no candidate has yet accepted the post. In addition, MHS have also liaised with locum agencies in order to fill this vacancy on a temporary basis pending permanent filling of the post. Unfortunately, there are currently no suitably qualified psychologists available to take up this post. The Psychology post for CAMHS Team 2 was filled on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

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