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PQ 44688/23 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of CAMHS intellectual disability teams based in CHO9."* **Kathleen Funchion, TD**

Dear Deputy Funchion,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health – Intellectual Disability (CAMHS-ID) is a specialist mental health service for children and teenagers who have a moderate to profound intellectual disability and a moderate to severe mental disorder. CAMHS-ID teams consist of multidisciplinary team members including psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical nurse specialists, social workers, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and administrators.

There are currently two CAMHS-ID Teams based in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC). St. Michael's House and Avista are the two providers of CAMHS-ID specialist service for children in the CHO.

The CAMHS-ID team aims to complement the services provided by Primary Care, Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT), and community CAMHS. Young people are usually supported by the CAMHS-ID team for a limited period of time. As the child's mental health improves, the CAMHS-ID team will discharge them. On discharge, a recovery plan for staying well and directions on accessing care with the team again if needed are shared.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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