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Deputy Mark Ward.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of pharmacists that work in CAMHS, per CHO area; if there are plans to increase these numbers; 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.

In response to the above, I wish to advise that the HSE do not have dedicated CAMHS pharmacists in each CHO area. Therefore, the information requested is not available. However, the HSE Mental Health Employment Reports by Staff Group provides detail on the overall WTE for Pharmacy under the category Health and Social Care Professionals. The following report is sourced from the health service personnel census and is updated on a monthly basis.

The latest available published data is for August 2023 and can be found here:

https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/mental-health.html

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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