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Deputy Sorca Clarke, TD  
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**Re PQ 20496/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that there is no psychologist on staff in the Longford Westmeath CAMHS service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 outlined the position as follows.

At present there are two Senior Psychologists working within Longford Westmeath Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS): one in the South Westmeath area, and another on the Longford Westmeath CAMHS Intellectual Disability (CAMHS ID)/ Young Adolescent Mental Health Service (YAMHS) team.

I advise that a third Senior Psychology post (in CAMHS Longford & North Westmeath) became delimited under the *National Pay & Numbers Strategy* as it was vacant on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 following a resignation earlier in the year.

Since then, the service has continued to advocate for the reinstating of this post, and it is currently going through recruitment process, pending approval.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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