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To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health liaison nurse positions attached to University Hospital Waterford; the number of these positions that are currently vacant; the duration each current vacancy has occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGuinness

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

With regard to your query on liaison services, there are currently four Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) posts and one Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) post attached to University Hospital Waterford.

Three of the CNS posts are filled on a permanent basis, the ANP post is also filled on a permanent basis. The remaining CNS post is currently filled on a temporary basis by an enhanced nurse. The process to permanently fill this post has commenced in line with the HSE Recruitment Approval process.

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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