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***PQ REF 30350/25: To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to address the lack of psychiatry consultants assigned to the HSE mid-west, appreciating that the region has the lowest number of such consultants in any of the HSE regions per 100,000 of the population; and if she will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Mid West Mental Health Services are actively recruiting Consultants and currently have a panel of General Adult and Child & Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Consultants and 1 Mental Health Intellectual Disability (MHID) Consultant Psychiatrist Adult going through the Public Appointments process for the permanent filling of positions. We are contacting agencies on a weekly basis to address vacancies to fill these with suitably Qualified Consultants.

We are expanding our services and particularly in CAMHS, for Paediatric Liaison Consultants and Eating Disorders and shortly for a Consultant in Early Intervention Psychosis

#### **Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**

Since 2021, The Mid West Mental Health Services has placed a significant focus on strengthening medical governance across all teams. All CAMHS teams have a CAMHS consultant psychiatrist in position.

In Q1 2025, we received Primary Notifications for a Paediatric Liaison Consultant and a CAMHS Eating Disorder Consultant.

In Q4 2024, we established a Mid West CAMHS Hub and this team is also lead by a CAMHS Consultant



### **Adult Psychiatry**

We have a General Adult consultant in place across the Adult CMHT Teams. We have a vacancy in North Tipperary and this is currently covered by agency.

We have received Primary Notifications for an Early Intervention Psychosis Consultant. We have primary notification for a Crisis Resolution Team Consultant but recruitment has been challenging.

### **Psychiatry of Later Life (POLL)**

We introduced an additional Consultant role for POLL Liaison based at the University Hospital Limerick.

Mid West Mental Health Services continues to strive for excellence. We are linking closely with colleagues in the National Youth Mental Health Office, National Mental Health Office and the National Clinical Programmes. We continue to engage with these colleagues around the redevelopment of new clinical programmes for the Mid West.

Yours Sincerely,

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