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**To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the CAMHS unit based in the new Children's Hospital will be fully staffed and operational on day one of operations, and actions undertaken by the HSE to ensure that this unit is fully staffed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to the above representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A comprehensive workforce plan has been developed by the Mental Health Service for the new Acute Mental Health Unit in the new National Children's Hospital.

There are ongoing discussions concerning same with the HSE and Department of Health as part of the 2026 Estimates Process. The new Unit is planned to open in phases, aligned with the opening schedule of the new Hospital.

A commissioning team to support the opening, has been put in place. As part of the commissioning work stream, with the necessary approvals a key focus is to operationalize the recruitment process for the necessary staff and disciplines required to ensure a smooth and successful launch of the new unit. I trust this information is of assistance to you, should you require any further clarification please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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