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PQ ref 13126/25: To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of CAMHS-ID teams in the CHO3 area, in tabular form; the staffing levels per team; and the options open to young people who require the services of CAMHS-ID if there are no teams in their CHO.

Dear Mr Kelly,

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.

According to Vision for Change the Mid West ID Team should have the following staffing:

CAMHS ID Model of care as in the Sharing the vision (2020)	
Consultant Psychiatrist	1 WTE
A Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHD)	1 WTE
Psychologists	2 WTE (one senior and one basic grade)
Clinical Nurse Specialists	2 WTE
Social Worker	2 WTE (one senior and one basic grade)
Occupational Therapist	1 WTE
Speech and Language Therapist	1 WTE
Administration	1 WTE

This is what is currently in place:

CAMHS ID Current Staff Allocated (20/02/2025)	
Consultant Psychiatrist	1 WTE
A Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHD)	1 WTE
Psychologists	1 WTE
Clinical Nurse Specialists	1 WTE
Social Worker	-
Occupational Therapist	-
Speech and Language Therapist	-
Administration	1 WTE



The following additional resources have been approved:

List of Posts Approved	Status
Consultant Psychiatrist	0.6 WTE – 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage of Approval
Senior Registrar	1 WTE - 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage of Approval
Senior Social Worker	0.8 WTE – Recruitment underway
Senior Occupational Therapist	0.8 WTE – Recruitment underway
Clinical Nurse Specialist	0.8 WTE – Recruitment underway

As per the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Intellectual Disability services (CAMHS ID) National Model of Service, it is vital to acknowledge that children referred to the CAMHS ID fulfil the entrance criteria of Moderate to Severe Psychiatric presentation in the context of Moderate to Severe Intellectual Disability **AND** should be in receipt of a comprehensive multidisciplinary package of care from their local Community Disability Network Team (CDNT). Only when this Primary Care Service has exhausted all clinical supports and feel psychiatric support is needed, then the child can be referred to CAMHS ID. The CDNT should remain involved throughout the child's journey through CAMHS ID and the child should return to their care on completion of CAMHS ID supports.

Yours Sincerely,

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