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Deputy Matt Carthy
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Re: PQ ref 13757/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the staff allocated to the home based treatment team in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service at present, by title, discipline, grade; those positions which are currently unfilled; the corresponding figures for March 2020, March 2021, March 2022, March 2023 and March 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy

I refer to your recent correspondence. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service.

Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service have been delivering homebased treatment services since 1998.

The Home Based Treatment Team (HBTT) provides a thorough mental health service in a person's home instead of a hospital and treatment options at home and in the community are the preferred options of patients and their families. The HBTT service has resulted in significant reduction in the need for bed based services in Cavan Monaghan, promoting hospital avoidance, reduced length of stay and enhancing the ability to manage service users with long term mental health illnesses at home. This has resulted in CMMHS having a consistently low bed occupancy in the acute psychiatric admission unit, with no occasions when an acute bed was not available when it was required.

Homebased treatment (HBTT) is provided by the General Adult and Mental Health Services for the Elderly community mental health teams. The HBTT service is delivered on a seven-day basis operating from 09:00 hours to 19:00 hours daily.

Attached below are staff allocated to the home based treatment team in each county [Cavan and Monaghan] from March 2020 to March 2025.

Cavan -

Year	Nursing Grade	Vacant	WTE Allocation
2020	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	6
2021	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	6
2022	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	6
2023	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	7
2024	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	7
2025	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	7

Monaghan -

Year	Nursing Grade	Vacant	WTE Allocation
2020	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	5
	Senior Staff Nurse		1
2021	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	5
	Senior Staff Nurse		1
2022	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	6
2023	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	7
2024	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	7
2025	Clinical Nurse Specialist	0	7

I trust this information is of assistance to you, however should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely


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