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Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú.
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PQ Number: 47638/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the positions unfilled in CAMHS ID teams, by county, team and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE Model of Service CAMHS ID recommends one CAMHS ID team per 300000 of the population.

A team consists of eleven whole time equivalent team members, led by a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist specialist in intellectual disability.

The HSE MOS CAMHS ID outlines the composition of the MDT to include; 1 Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist (CAP), 1 Non Consultant Hospital Doctor, 2 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), 2 Psychologists, 2 Social Workers, 1 Occupational Therapist, 1 Speech and Language Therapist and an Administrator for a population of 300000.

Nationally CAMHS ID teams are resourced at approximately 25 % of the recommendations for staffing made in the HSE National MOS CAMHS ID.

In some parts of the country for example CHO area 1 there is no CAMHS team. Two CAP posts have been advertised, but there were no applicants for these posts. In other parts of the country teams consist of one or two team members usually a CAP and one other team member, but no access to a MDT. Below is a table of CAMHS ID posts funded. These for the most part are not actual wtes, but funded posts. Some of these posts are vacant due to staff having left, who have not been replaced, maternity and sick leave.



CHO Area	Population	WTE Team members
1	389048	No posts filled, no team, 2 CAP, 1 CNS posts funded
2	453413	7.5 wte
3	385172	8.8 wte
4	660000	10 wte
5	497598	5 wte
6	422000	5.5 wte
7	674071	11.5 wte
8	615258	6 wte
9	580000	10.3 wte

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

General Manager
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