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“To ask the Minister for Health the plan and timeframe in Louth to have a fully populated CAMHS ID multi-disciplinary team; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

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 outlined the position as follows.

Louth Meath Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Intellectual Disability (ID) Consultant:

- The Consultant Psychiatrist for CAMHS ID commenced in January 2024.
- Louth Meath Mental Health Services (LM MHS) continues to liaise with National Mental Health Intellectual Disability regarding seeking the allocation of Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) posts to LMMHS in 2026.

Minister for Mental Health Press Release: Wednesday 15 October 2025:

Minister for Mental Health, Mary Butler, announced a significant new investment of €10 million in eight new specialist mental health teams and a further €6.8 million of additional funding to open 31 inpatient beds as part of Budget 2026. Under each of the National Clinical Programmes, specialist mental health services have been developed for Ireland, through the roll-out of community-based teams to support people with different mental health needs including eating disorders, psychosis, dual diagnosis, perinatal mental health, and self-harm and suicide-related ideation.

In Budget 2026, Minister Butler has allocated funding to develop:

- Two new CAMHS Mental Health Intellectual Disability teams
- Two new Eating Disorder Teams (one CAMHS and one Adult)

Minister Butler said: “Significant investment in our National Clinical Programmes to date has had such a positive impact for thousands of people across the country who have been able to access specialist, multidisciplinary mental health supports in their community.



Minister Butler also said: “Over successive budgets I have built services up from one or two teams into national networks, and we will be maintaining this momentum and progress in 2026. I have allocated funding to several programmes to bring services to new parts of the country, and to help existing services meet rising demand. We still have much more to do to reach the people who require the support of specialist mental health services, and that is a key focus for me in this Budget.”

I trust this information is of assistance to you but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard

Yours sincerely,

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