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**Ref: MLM MH 336/2025**

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9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Re: PQ 47657/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the unfilled mental health positions in county Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Murchu,

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 for recruitment plans and unfilled permanent posts for Louth Mental Health Service as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. There are temporary vacancies as a result of maternity leave e.g., two Senior Social Workers. The current position for recruitment campaigns are:

- Senior Psychologist (South Louth East Meath CAMHS) has been recruited and start date is planned for January 2026.
- Unable to recruit a Senior Psychologist for the Drogheda Department of Psychiatry from NRS panel, and this will be progressed to a local campaign.
- Recruitment campaigns are progressing for Staff Nurses, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Clinical Nurse Manager.
- Permanent CAMHS Senior Social Worker post (Louth) is to be offered to panel this week.
- Grade IV administration post (Louth CAMHS) is due to be offered to the panel.



| Locations                                                 | Social Work | Occupational Therapy | Psychology | Medical | Nursing | Admin | Speech & Language |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|---------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| Drogheda Department of Psychiatry                         |             | 0.5 WTE              |            |         | 7 WTE   |       |                   |
| Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)       | 3 WTE       | 0.5 WTE              |            |         | 4 WTE   | 1 WTE |                   |
| Drogheda Day Hospital                                     |             |                      |            |         | 2 WTE   |       |                   |
| Dundalk Community Mental Health Team                      |             |                      |            |         | 1 WTE   |       |                   |
| Clinical Nursing Specialist SCAN                          |             |                      |            |         | 1 WTE   |       |                   |
| 24-hour community residences                              |             |                      |            |         | 4 WTE   |       |                   |
| Clinical Nurse Specialist Cognitive Behavioural Therapist |             |                      |            |         | 1 WTE   |       |                   |
| Psychiatry of Old Age Team                                |             |                      |            |         | 1 WTE   |       |                   |
| Clinical Nurse Specialist Liaison                         |             |                      |            |         | 2 WTE   |       |                   |

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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**Mairead O'Neill,**

**Head of Services for Louth Meath and Midlands Mental Health Services**