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** To ask the Minister for Health the posts in adult mental health services in Tuam, County Galway; the services offered by the team; if any posts remain vacant; the current wait times; and if she will make a statement on the matter **

Dear Deputy Canney,

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;

Grade:	Waiting Time/Priority:	Staffing/Vacancies:	Comments:
Medical	No waiting list, referrals prioritised by urgency.	1 Consultant + 2 NCHDs. No vacancies	Service users have access to a number for the front desk who can record calls and contact relevant team members as needed. In the event of a psychiatric emergency information is provided for appropriate emergency services
Psychology	17 months. May vary with case prioritization	1 Clinical Psychologist. No vacancies	Increased wait when cases require prioritisation.
Nursing	No waiting list. Prioritise by urgency	11 Nursing posts. 1 vacant CNS post with Agency in place	Urgent referrals managed promptly.
Occupational Therapy	Currently a 4 month backlog. Usually 6 weeks to 3 months. Urgent cases within two weeks	1 Post. No Vacancies	Current wait time due to backlog from Maternity Leave.

Social Work	Urgent - No Waiting list. Non urgent – within two months	1 Post No Vacancies	Usual practice to prioritise urgent referrals.
Admin	N/A	2.6 WTE's. No vacancies	All posts filled.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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