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To ask the Minister for Health for an outline of the CAMHS service in County Wexford.; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above request.

There are two CAMHS teams in Wexford serving a population of 163,919. Wexford South CAMHS team is based in Arden House, Wexford town. Wexford North team is based in Arnold House Enniscorthy. The professionals per discipline currently working in CAMHS in County Wexford comprise 2 Consultant Psychiatrists, 2 NCHDs, 2 Social Workers, 3.8 Psychologists, 1 Occupational Therapist, 1 Speech and Language Therapist, 5.2 Nurses, 1 Social Care Worker, 4 Administration staff. The current open caseload of children and adolescents receiving services from CAMHS in County Wexford is 446.

Recruitment has been on-going for the third CAMHS team in Wexford. HSE SECH have interviewed on at least four occasions for the Consultant post within the team. Mental Health Services are continuing in their efforts to recruit this post. There has been one Occupational Therapist, one Speech and Language Therapist two Clinical Nurse Specialists, one Senior Psychologist and one Administration recruited for the 3rd CAMHS team. Accommodation for the 3rd CAMHS team is ongoing, there are planned developments in Wexford and a number of options have been explored in Gorey in conjunction with HSE Estates

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Donaghey Head of Mental Health Services South East Community Healthcare