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Deputy Peadar Tóibín TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ Ref 6234/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists working for CAMHS in the Meath area; if there is a dedicated day that each centre has a psychologist in attendance at each centre; how many hours each centre is serviced by the psychologist each week/month; the average number of hours that service users attending each of these centres gets with a psychologists and other services supplied in each of the centres in Meath broken down into weekly figures; and the number of children waiting in each centre for the service in the past five years – Peadar Tóibín**

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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:

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The number WTE of psychologists working for CAMHS	1.0	1 post currently vacant	1 post currently vacant
If there is a dedicated day that each centre has a psychologist in attendance at each centre	no	no	no
How many hours each centre is serviced by the psychologist each week/month	One full-time post, Mon-Fri 35 hours/week	0 at present	0 at present



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The average number of hours that service users attending each of these centres gets with a psychologists and other services supplied in each of the centres in Meath broken down into weekly figures	<p>Need for psychology input decided by MDT. Clients attending psychology seen as required by the intervention being provided, ranging from 1 hour every 2-4 weeks to up to 3 hours/week (individual and/or group sessions). Clients may or may not be attending other services apart from this.</p> <p><b>Other services:</b>            Consultant Child &amp; Adolescent Psychiatrist: 1 WTE.            Non Consultant Hospital Doctor: 1 WTE.            Nurses: 1.2 WTE.            Social Workers: 1.6 WTE.            Social Care Leader: 1 WTE (0.9).            Occupational therapist: 0.8 WTE</p>	70 hours psychiatry 35 hours occupational therapist 69 hours social care leader 31 hours social worker 35 hours psychoanalytic psychotherapist 45 hours nurse	This varies depending on need and none at present due to vacancy
The number of children waiting in each centre for the service in the past five years.	<p>Over past 3.5 years there have been fewer than 10 individuals who have had to wait to be seen by psychologist, and fewer than 5 waiting more than one month from receipt of internal psychology referral. I can't speak for the time prior to this as I wasn't employed in service then.</p> <p><b>CAMHS Navan W/L</b>            Urgent W/L: 0.            Routine Non ADHD W/L: 5            Routine ADHD W/L: 50</p>		67 ADHD 11 Non ADHD



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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