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**Duncan Smith
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** To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE consultant child psychiatrist for intellectual disability services in County Mayo in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form**

Dear Deputy Smith,

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;

The number of WTE consultant child psychiatrists for intellectual disability services in County Mayo in 2022 and 2023 was:

Year	WTE consultant
2022	0
2023	0

We apologise for the difficulties in accessing CAMHS MHID services in Co. Mayo. Since the retirement of the last Consultant Psychiatrist for CAMHS MHID, Mayo we have been unable to recruit a replacement to the post, despite configuring the post to a full Whole Time Equivalent.

As a result we are unable to provide a specialist MHID CAMHS in Mayo except in an emergency via the CAMHS liaison service in Mayo General Hospital. It should be noted that such referrals are to a generic CAMHS team and not to a specialised CAMHS MHID service.

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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