

25th February 2024

**Deputy Matt Carthy
Leinster House
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2**

Ref: PQ 56415/23: To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staff of different grades and positions currently in place at the Carrickmacross adult mental health services; the corresponding figures for January 2020, January 2021, January 2022 and January 2023, in tabular form;

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your correspondence received in this office on 10th January 2024. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service.

Monaghan General Adult Community Mental Health Team (GACMHT) and the Community Rehabilitation service (CRS) provide services to the whole of the Monaghan population, including Carrickmacross. The table below provides details on staff based in Carrickmacross and structured attendance patterns.

In addition to this staff from the GACMHT such as Community Mental Health Nurse, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist (CBT), Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Home-based Treatment Team, provide services including domiciliary visits and outpatient appointments. These options are adjusted according to case load and individual patient needs. Some patients from the Carrickmacross area opt to avail of appointments in Monaghan and these are facilitated.

Staff category	Grade	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023	Service
Medical	Consultant Psychiatrist	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	Weekly OPD General Adult MHS
	Consultant Psychiatrist	0.4 WTE	0.4 WTE	0.4 WTE	0.2 WTE	Eating Disorder hub
	NCHD				0.4 WTE	Weekly OPD General Adult MHS
Nursing	Community Mental Health Nurse (CMHN)	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	Weekly OPD General Adult MHS
	Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Addictions;	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE	Regular OPD appointments
	CNS				1.0 WTE	Eating Disorder hub
	CNMIII	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	Since October 2022 rotates between 3 staff

Staff category	Grade	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023	Service
Social Work	Senior	On an as needs basis related to case load.				
Occupational Therapy	Senior	0.5 WTE	0.5 WTE	0.5 WTE	0.5 WTE	General Adult MHS – CMX PC Ctre;
	Senior	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	MHID – Monastery Building CMX.
Psychology	Principal Specialist Clinical Psychologist				0.2 WTE	1 day per week Talking Therapies in CMX;
	Senior Clinical Psychologist			0.4 WTE		General Adult MHS & U&ME skills group;
	Senior Clinical Psychologist	0.1 WTE	0.1 WTE	0.1 WTE	0.1 WTE	Mental Health Services for Elderly – 1 day per month;
	Clinical Psycho Therapist				0.4 WTE	Eating Disorder mini-hub
Management Admin	Grade III /Medical Secretary	1.5 WTE	1.5 WTE	1.5 WTE	1.5 WTE	General Adult & MHID

Anyone from the Carrickmacross area who presents to Cavan General Hospital and are assessed as requiring a mental health assessment/intervention will be seen by the Mental Health service liaison team in Cavan General Hospital.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindly note this response was held due to Fórsa Industrial Action which has now been lifted.

Yours sincerely



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