



Deputy Cormac Devlin,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the 11 CAMHS/AMHS specialised hubs for eating disorders that have been opened nationwide, since the conception of the Model of Care in 2018; the number of full-time equivalent staff employed by the service; the number of vacancies on 1 June 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cormac Devlin

Dear Deputy Devlin,

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 HSE NCP for Eating Disorders aims to establish an eating disorder network (eight adult teams and eight CAMHS teams) in accordance with the agreed [Model of Care \(2018\)](#). There are currently five specialist CAMHS eating disorders teams and six adult eating disorders teams at various stages of development across the HSE. These consultant-led teams provide specialist eating disorder assessment and treatment in the community and are the foundations of quality eating disorder care.

Adult Eating Disorder Teams	CAMHS Eating Disorder Teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sligo/Leitrim (CHO 1)• Cavan/Monaghan (CHO 1)• Cork (CHO 4)• Kilkenny (CHO 5)• Dublin South East and Wicklow (CHO 6)• North Dublin (CHO 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Galway (CHO 2)• CAREDS – Cork (CHO 4)• Dublin South East and Wicklow (CHO 6)• Linn Dara community ED service – South West Dublin and Kildare (CHO 7)• North Dublin (CHO 9)

Since 2016, over €8M has been invested in eating disorder teams. Over 100 WTEs have been funded to establish these teams and in excess of 80 WTEs were filled as of 11th November 2023, prior to the HSEs temporary pause on recruitment into certain positions. At the end of 2023 there were 15.8 WTE posts unfilled with a full year funding requirement of €1.4m, which were decommissioned. For 2024, the NCP received funding for 2 new posts to add to the CHO 6 CAMHS eating disorder team. Additionally, funding was allocated for 6 WTEs (5 to

commence a team in CHO7 and 1 senior dietitian for an adult eating disorders team in CHO4) from the additional €10M funding for mental health.

The table below outlines the current posts funded and vacant. The Model of Care recommends that each team serve a region of 500,000 population and have 14.4 WTEs per CAMHS team and 13.4 WTEs per adult team. A vacancy is defined as unfilled post awaiting embargo to be lifted, maternity leave and or long term sick leave.

Eating Disorders Regional specialist teams	Population	Funded	Decom 31 st Dec 2023	Vacant June 24	New WTEs 2024
1. CAMHS ED CHO 2	453,109	10.2	0.2	1	
2. CAMHS CHO4	690,575	13.4	0.5	3.0	
3. CAMHS ED CHO6	549,531	6.0	0	1.0	2
4. CAMHS ED CHO7/Part CHO8	541,352	12.4	0	1	
5. CAMHS ED CHO9/ part of CHO8 (Longford/Westmeath/Meath/Louth)	621,405	9.5	1.5	2	
6. Adult ED CHO1 (Mini teams – Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal)	257,000	3.2	0	0	
7. Adult ED CHO1 (Mini teams – Cavan/ Monaghan)	136,000	3.2	2	0	
8. Adult CHO4	690,575	13.4	1.9	3.3	1
9. Adult ED CHO5	510,333	9.7	3.7	1	
10. Adult ED CHO6	455,590	10.1	1.1	1.2	
11. Adult ED CHO9 (part of CHO8)	621,405	10.9	1.1	3.0	
12. Adult ED CHO7 (new funding July 2024)		0	N/A	N/A	5

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

Yours sincerely,



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