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Deputy Holly Cairns,
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PQ Number: 29249/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health provide the number of eating disorder care posts which are currently frozen under the recruitment embargo, by role and CHO, in tabular form. -Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

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. At the end of 2023 unfilled development posts with a full year funding requirement of €1.4m were decommissioned.

For 2024, the NCP received funding for 2 additional WTEs 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 1WTE for a senior dietitian to the adult eating disorders team in CHO4) from the additional €10M funding for mental health. The table below shows the current posts that are vacant on each team (4th July 2024). Those clinicians on maternity leave do not get their posts backfilled for the period.

Eating Disorders Team	No.	Discipline	Reason
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	vacancies		
1. CAMHS ED CHO 2	1	NCHD	Due to start in July
2. CAMHS CHO4	3	1.0 senior dietitian. 1.0 CNS 1.0 admin	Embargo
3. CAMHS ED CHO6	1	1Senior psychologist	Maternity leave
4. CAMHS ED CHO7/Part CHO8	1	1SeniorSocial Worker	Maternity leave
5. CAMHS ED CHO9/ part of CHO8 (Longford/Westmeath/Meath/Louth)	1	1Occupational Therapist 1 Grade iv	Redeployed Maternity leave
6. Adult ED CHO1 (Mini teams – Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal)	0	0	
7. Adult ED CHO1 (Mini teams – Cavan/ Monaghan)	0	0	
8. Adult CHO4	4.7	1 CNS, 1 OT, 1 psychologist, 1.2 admin and 0.5 NCHD	Embargo, redeployed, long term sick
9. Adult ED CHO5	1	Admin Grade iv	Embargo
10. Adult ED CHO6	1.2	1CNS and 0.2 Grade III	Embargo
11. Adult ED CHO9 (part of CHO8)	3	1senior psychologist, 2 x CNS	Embargo, sick leave and maternity leave
12. Adult ED CHO7 (new funding July 2024)	N/A	5	All new posts since July 2024 awaiting primary notification numbers in order to start recruitment.

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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