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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the CAMHS staffing levels, as set out in the Sharing the Vision, in each of the teams in CHO6 and CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
-Jennifer Whitmore**

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health teams.

Where the predecessor to *Sharing the Vision, A Vision for Change* (2006), was prescriptive on the composition of multi-disciplinary teams, *Sharing the Vision* recognises that in line with changes in best practice and to enable future flexibility in terms of service delivery as best practice continues to develop, additional competencies are recommended for multi-disciplinary teams, to complement the core skills and competencies. In addition to core skills like psychiatry, social work, clinical psychology and occupational therapy, additional competencies like dietetics, peer support, outreach and job coaching, for example, may be appropriate and required. Rather than be specific on staffing numbers and structure, a flexible approach can be more responsive to local needs, which empowers local responses and helps achieve recovery-oriented outcomes.

The table below demonstrates the WTE per CAMHS team for CHO6 and CHO7 as at 30/06/2024.



CAMHS Teams WTBs		Administrative Support Staff	Child/Social Care Worker	Clinical Psychologist	Consultant Psychiatrist	Nurse	Occupational Therapist	Other Staff	Other Therapist	Registrar/SHO	Senior Registrar	Social Worker	Speech & Language Therapist	Total	Total Clinical
CHO6	CHO6	8	2	9.7	6.55	10.73	4	0	1.9	7.11	2	6	6.1	64.1	56.1
CHO6	Lucena Century Town Team 1	1.5	0	1.5	0.5	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1.5	9	7.5
CHO6	Lucena Century Town Team 2	1.5	0	1.5	1	1	0.6	0	0.5	1	0	1	0.5	8.9	7.4
CHO6	Lucena Team A (Dub. 6 14 16)	0	1	2	1.5	1.5	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	9	9
CHO6	Lucena Team C (Dub. 2 4 12)	1	1	1.4	1	2	1	0	0	1.1	1	1	0	10.5	9.5
CHO6	Lucena Wicklow - Arklow	1	0	1	0.8	1.81	0	0	0.4	1	1	0.5	0.5	8.3	7.3
CHO6	Lucena Wicklow - Bray	2	0	0.8	0.75	1.8	0.9	0	0	1	0	0.5	1.2	9	7
CHO6	Lucena Marine 56	1	0	1.5	1	1.62	0.5	0	1	1	0	1	0.5	9.4	8.4
CHO7	CHO7	13.8	4.81	9.33	12.65	17.2	5.6	0	2.2	11	7.11	6.15	13.6	103.5	89.7
CHO7	Uin Dara Ballyfermot/St. James	0.8	1	1	0.8	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.4	1.5	8.8	8
CHO7	Uin Dara Condalkin	1.8	0	1	2.25	0.8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	9.9	8.1
CHO7	Uin Dara Community Eating Disorder Service	2	0	2	1	2.6	0.6	0	2.2	0	1.2	0.6	1	13.2	11.2
CHO7	Uin Dara East Kildare / West Wicklow (MII)	1	0	0.4	1	1.7	0	0	0	1	0.8	0.6	1.5	8.3	7.3
CHO7	Uin Dara Lucan	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0.5	1	7.5	7.5
CHO7	Uin Dara North Kildare (Celbridge)	1.2	0	0.5	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	9.7	8.5
CHO7	Uin Dara South Kildare (Athy)	1	0.6	1	1.6	0.7	1	0	0	1	0.6	0.8	1	9.3	8.3
CHO7	Uin Dara South Kildare/West Wicklow	1	0.8	1	1	0.8	1	0	0	1	0	0.5	1	8.1	7.1
CHO7	Uin Dara West Kildare	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	6
CHO7	Lucena Talaght (Team 1)	1.5	1.41	0.61	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	11.5	10
CHO7	Lucena Talaght (Team 2)	1.5	1	0.52	1	1.6	0	0	0	0	1.51	0.75	1	9.2	7.7

* Data source: HSE, Business Intelligence Unit

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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