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Deputy Mark Ward TD Dail Eireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 10640/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists employed in Wexford; how many vacant positions there are; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

There are four Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in County Wexford. These are in Wexford Town, Gorey, New Ross and Enniscorthy.

Following a recent national recruitment campaign, there is one Psychologist in each network. There is a Senior Psychologist in Wexford Town, New Ross and Enniscorthy and a Staff Grade Psychologist in Gorey. The next step to optimise recruitment is to launch a local recruitment campaign for County Wexford. It is hoped that this campaign will recruit into the remaining vacant posts which are two Senior Clinical Psychologists and two Clinical Psychologists in New Ross and Enniscorthy.

Mental Health Services currently have four Psychologists working with CAMHs teams in Wexford and I can confirm there are no vacancies.

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

Yours sincerely,

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