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Deputy Duncan Smith.
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll-out of CAMHS-ID teams nationwide; and the estimated costs of fully resourcing three CAMHS-ID teams. - Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 needs of adults and children with intellectual disabilities are generally best met in services such as HSE Primary Care and HSE Disability services. However, people may have moderate or severe mental health difficulties in addition to their intellectual disability, which can mean their treatment needs are more complex. The HSE service best suited to an individual patient is determined by the level of the intellectual disability and of the mental health difficulty.

The Mental Health policies: *A Vision for Change (2006)* and *Sharing the Vision (2020)*, recommends the development of mental health intellectual disability (MHID) teams, to provide population-wide coverage and ensure fair and equal access to mental healthcare for people of all ages with an intellectual disability.

A Vision for Change recommends one team per 300,000 of the population. As per 2016 census figures there should be 16 CAMHS ID teams nationally. This number is likely to increase as per 2022 census figures. Each team should have 11 WTE's per 300,000 population. There are four teams which have what is described as baseline teams a Consultant Psychiatrist, Senior Psychologist or equivalent and a CNS. (CHO's 6, 7, 4, and 9).

The community CAMHS-ID National Model of Service advise that a CAMHS-ID team should comprise of the following WTE:

- A consultant psychiatrist
- A non-consultant hospital doctor (NCHD)
- Two psychologists (one senior and one basic grade)
- Two clinical nurse specialists (CNS)
- Two social workers (one senior and one basic grade)
- An occupational therapist
- A speech and language therapist



- Administration support

The estimated costs of fully resourcing one CAMHS-ID team based on the National Model of Service is outlined in the table below

Grade	WTE	Midpoint of Jan 2024 Scale (€)	11.05% Employers PRSI	Salary inc PRSI	Additional 10% Non Pay	Overall Total Cost (€) per WTE
Consultant Psychiatrist	1	253,579	28,020	281,599	28,160	309,759
Registrar	1	72,355	7,995	80,350	8,035	88,385
Senior Psychologist	1	100,440	11,099	111,539	11,154	122,692
Basic Grade Psychologist (Trainee Clinical)	1	44,716	4,941	49,657	4,966	54,632
Clinical Nurse Specialist (Mental Health)	2	126,178	27,884	154,062	15,406	169,468
Senior Social Worker	1	66,238	7,319	73,557	7,356	80,913
Basic Grade Social Worker (Non-Professionally Qualified)	1	50,959	5,631	56,590	5,659	62,249
Occupational Therapist Senior	1	64,776	7,158	71,934	7,193	79,127
Speech and Language Therapist Senior	1	64,776	7,158	71,934	7,193	79,127
Administration support - Grade IV	1	42,112	4,653	46,765	4,677	51,442
Overall Cost Per CAMHS ID Team	11					1,097,794

The estimated cost of fully resourcing three CAMHS-ID teams' consisting of 11 WTE's per team would cost approximately €3.2 million Accommodation and other operational costs are not included in this costing.

It is important to note that not all teams will come into existence with full membership. The current national CAMHS- ID programme is working towards establishing baseline teams, in all areas, consisting of a consultant psychiatrist, a senior psychologist, a clinical nurse specialist and administration support. Until CAMHS ID Teams are rolled out and operational Children should attend their local Community Disability Network Team for intervention in relation to their disability and their GP if there is a concern regarding a moderate to severe mental disorder, who in turn can discuss with the catchment area Executive Clinical Director.

Further information can be found by consulting with the Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for Children with Intellectual Disability (CAMHS-ID) National Model of Service available here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/camhs/camhs-id-model-of-service/camhs-id-model-of-service.pdf>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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