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*To ask the Minister for Health to detail the number of staff working in the acute psychiatry unit of Cavan General Hospital in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above received to this office on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service (CMMHS).

Medical	2020	2021	2022	2023	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2024
Consultant Psychiatrist	1	1	1	1	1
Non Consultant Hospital Doctor	2	2	2	2	2
Nursing	24.25	29.89	26.75	32.83	<b>30.23</b>
Multi Task Attendants	3	4	2	2	2
<b>Health &amp; Social Care Professionals</b>					
Social Worker	1	1	1	1	1
Occupational Therapist	1	1	1	1	1
Psychologist	0	0	0	1	1
Clerical/Admin	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5
<b>Other – sessional contractors (not staff complement)</b>					
Art Therapist	1	1	1	1	1
Music Therapist	1	1	1	1	1
Yoga Teacher/practitioner	0	0	0	1	1

The above table represents the allocated and funded posts for the Acute Psychiatric Admission Unit in Cavan General Hospital.

Posts can become vacant for extended periods for maternity leaves, long term sick leaves etc. For example, CMMHS have had an Occupational Therapy and Psychology Post vacant for some time.

For staff and patient safety reasons some positions are filled using existing staff, overtime and/or agency staff. Decisions are taken on a day to day, shift to shift basis, based on risk assessments which factor in the number of inpatients and their presentations at that time.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you however, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline Ackermann" followed by a horizontal line.

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