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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of MHID teams in the state. The number of MHID teams in each CHO; if there are two MHID teams per 300000 of the population as recommended in the Model of Service-Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Pauline Tully,

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.

A Vision for Change recommends one mental health team per 150,000 for adults with an intellectual disability 34 teams nationally, and one team per 300,000 for children with intellectual disability, 17 teams nationally.

To fully staff a MHID team (population 150,000) requires 11 whole time equivalent staff members to include 1 Consultant Psychiatrist, 1 NCHD, 2 Psychologists, 2 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), 2 Social Workers, an Occupational Therapist, a Speech and Language Therapist and administrative support.

To fully staff a CAMHS ID team (population 300,000) requires 11 whole time equivalent staff members to include 1 Consultant Psychiatrist, 1 NCHD, 2 Psychologists, 2 CNSs, 2 Social Workers, an Occupational Therapist, a Speech and Language Therapist and an Administrator.

Adult MHID teams nationally are resourced at approximately 23% of a Vision for Change recommendations and CAMHS ID teams are resourced at 25%. There is not an Adult MHID or CAMHS ID team in every CHO area. A number of teams are not fully operational due to staffing levels and some teams are at the very early stages of development.

Adult MHID

CHO		Consultant Psychiatrist	NCHD	Social worker	Psychologist	OT	SLT	Nurse	Admin	Total
1	Cavan/Monaghan	2	2	1	1	1		2	0.8	9.8
1	Donegal	1	1	0.8	1	2	0	3	1	9.8
1	Sligo/Leitrim	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	8
2	Galway/Mayo	0.8	2	0.5	1	1	0	2	1	8.3
4	Cork/Kerry	4.5	1	1		1		3	1	11.5
6	Dublin	2						1	1	4
6	Wicklow	1	1	1	1			1	1	6
7	Dublin/Kildare	3	1	1			1	2	1	9
8	Longford/Westmeath	1	1					1	1	4
8	Laois/Offaly	1	1					1	1	4

9	Avista		1.5	2		0.8			1	0.3	5.6
9	N Eastern Region		2.2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	7.2
	National		17.5	14	5.3	6.8	5.0	2	17	11.1	87.2

CAMHS ID

CHO	Consultant Psychiatrist	NCHD	Social worker	Psychologist	OT	SLT	Nurse	Admin	Total
1	0								0
2	1.0			1.0			1.0	0.6	3.6
3	0.8			1.0				0.5	2.3
4	1.0	1.0	0.6			1.0	1.0		4.6
5	1.0						1.0		2.0
6	2.0	2.0	0.6				1.0	1.0	6.6
7	2.4	1.5	1.0	2.0		1.0	2.0	2.0	11.9
8	1.0	1.0		1.0			1.0	1.0	5
9	2.5	1.0		1.5			2.5	1.0	11.5
National	11.7	5.5	2.2	6.5		2.0	9.5	6.1	47.5

The figures outlined above include resourcing for each community healthcare (9 CHOs) area. Some CHO areas are very large with populations of up to 750,000. A catchment area of 750,000 would require 5 Adult MHID teams (55 wte staff members) and 2.5 CAMHS ID teams (27.5 wte staff members).

The Model of Service outlines that two MHID teams are required per 300,000 population and development of this and enhancement of teams to reach required staffing levels will be progressed as part of the estimates process.

These figures are based on retrospective data. Any new posts, vacancies and appointments will be updated to account for 2025 estimates.

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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