Getting Healthcare in Ireland

Mental Health Care

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Workforce Planning Report 2013 – 2023

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Over 700 on waiting list for Cork and Kerry child psych services

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More than 700 children with mental health difficulties are on a waiting list for a specialist treatment service in Cork and Kerry, including 200 waiting more than a year

Nearly 3,000 children waiting for a mental health appointment

Tuesday 11 September 2018
Hospitals under pressure as 350 consultant posts vacant

The state of the country’s mental health services are also laid bare in the new figures which show there are 65 unfilled psychiatry consultant positions.
Issues

• Mental Health v Mental Illness

• Primary Care v Secondary Care

• Training, Recruitment & Retention

• Specialists v Non-Specialists

• Slainte Care another Vision for Change?
Solutions

- Deal with the Push Factors
- Accept the Pull Factors
- KPIs appropriate to good mental health care
- Stop confusing Process with Outcomes
- Data NEEDED
- New ways of working
"I had my own blog for a while, but I decided to go back to just pointless, incessant barking."