

**PSYCHIATRY OF OLD AGE (POA) COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TEAM,
INSPECTION REPORT 2012**

HSE AREA	South	
Executive Catchment Area	Waterford, Wexford, South Kilkenny	
Date of Inspection	26 June 2012	
Sector	Waterford and South Kilkenny POA	
Population as per 2011 census	15,000 persons over 65 years Total population for Waterford 120,000 persons and South Kilkenny 18,000 persons	
Specialism of Team	Psychiatry of Old Age	
Sector HQ	None	Where: The POA team are dispersed across offices in the DOP Waterford Regional Hospital, St. Patrick's Hospital and St. Otteran's Hospital.
Dedicated Day Hospital	None	
Dedicated Day Centre	None	

1. MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM COMPOSITION

	NUMBER (WTE)	Grade	Other Responsibilities
Team Co-Coordinator	0	N/A	N/A
Consultant psychiatrist	1		Also fulfilled role of team co-ordinator.
NCHD (training posts)	1 1	Specialist Registrar Registrar	
Clinical psychologist	0.8	Senior Clinical Psychologist	Also provided input to the South Kilkenny general adult sector team. Input to POA was sessional and limited. Main focus was neuropsychological testing with some psychotherapy.
Social worker	0.5	Senior Social Worker	Shared with Waterford City sector team. Access was limited and therefore focus was mainly on vulnerability to neglect and self care and to abuse.
Occupational therapist	1	Senior Occupational Therapist	Provided a domiciliary service, input to St. Aiden's Ward, St. Otteran's Hospital.
ADON	0.3	Acting Director of Nursing	Shared across general adult and POA teams.
Nurse Therapist(s)	0		

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Clinical nurse specialists	0		Dementia Care CNS post became vacant owing to retirement and the service reported that it was planned to fill this post via redeployment when beds in an approved centre close.
Community MH Nurses	2	Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs)	
Administration support	1		
Others			

Facilities

	Number of facilities	Number and profession of centre based staff	Adequacy and suitability of facility for purpose	Number of dedicated rooms available to team (including waiting rooms, interview rooms etc)	Number of sessional rooms (shared with other services)	Comments
Day Hospital	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Day Centre	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Service User Meeting Place	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
24 hour supervised residence	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Sector Headquarters	0					
Other Out-patient service in Dungarvan	1 session per week	Nursing and medical for clinic duration only	Accommodation suitable	All accommodation shared in outpatient clinic, i.e., waiting room, clinical room, interview rooms		