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**Deputy James Lawless TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

PQ26995/18- To ask the Minister for Health the funding and positions provided for regarding primary care psychology services in County Kildare

-James Lawless TD.

Dear Deputy Lawless,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Area 7 currently has five primary care psychology positions in Athy, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas and Celbridge.


We currently do not have any provision for primary care psychology for Leixlip, Clane and Maynooth.

We are currently working with the Health Business Service to provide maternity leave cover for the Primary Care Psychology service and are optimistic of same.

We also have four Assistant Psychologists who are working in Celbridge, Naas, Newbridge and Athy. These four staff are assisting the qualified psychology staff running groups and supporting the work of the qualified staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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