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Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 47724/18**

**To ask the Minister for Health the position of a psychiatrist in a location (Carne House); and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed that matter and the following is the position.*

The Health Service Executive continues to make every effort to recruit a permanent Consultant Psychiatrist for this location. Advertisements have been placed in all medical journals and recruitment agencies have been contacted.

In the interim, we are pleased to confirm that subject to receipt of statutory clearance documentation required for filling of all posts, it is anticipated that a Locum Consultant Psychiatrist will be in situ in Carne House on the 10th December, 2018.

Should you require any further information in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan".

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**David Heffernan**  
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