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PQ 16477/19

To ask the Minister for Health the reason despite funding being included in the 2019 estimates for speech and language therapy, social work, chaplains and physiotherapy for Kildare, some of these services are not receiving funding
-Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

Currently all development posts that have received national funding have been approved. Similarly, all current but vacant posts have been approved locally to date. The recruitment to assign these posts is underway and there is a mechanism in place to recommend the progress of these posts during the current recruitment pause.

Additionally, posts were proposed for the 2019 estimates however these posts have not been approved to date pending confirmation of funding.

Posts that are included in the HSE National Service Plan 2019 have not been allocated to Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare to date.

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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