

29th April 2019

Deputy Louise O'Reilly
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Email: Louise.oreilly@oireachtas.ie,

Re: PQ 17981/19 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the physiotherapy profession and their representatives in relation to the national panel for physiotherapist staff grade and improvements which could be made to the way in which it operates

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

Since the creation of the HSE's National Recruitment Service (HBS Recruit), the service has proactively engaged with a number of allied health professions to build robust, efficient and effective recruitment processes to meet ongoing needs.

HBS Recruit has engaged consistently with the Physiotherapy profession through HSE Physiotherapy Managers, establishing a formal mechanism for this collaborative approach to Physiotherapy recruitment in 2015, inviting interest from throughout the profession to create a working group to guide all future Physiotherapy recruitment planning and activity. This formal mechanism, which is still in place, is the Physiotherapy Recruitment Working Group which is comprised of numerous HSE Physiotherapy Managers throughout the country. It is worthy of note that the Physiotherapy Recruitment Working Group feel strongly that a national panel should be retained for staff grade (entry level) Physiotherapists.

This forum is ongoing within the HSE and the HSE constantly strives to improve its recruitment practices to match the requirements of the market, ensuring adherence to best and safe practice and providing good value to the Irish Tax payer.

If you require further information Please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

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