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Deputy Brendan Smith TD
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 52441/19

The need to have additional therapists and clinicians appointed to deal with the backlog under Assessment of Needs in Cavan/Monaghan

To ask the Minister for Health when additional personnel will be recruited and vacant positions filled in relation to a backlog (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

There are currently a number of vacant posts in the Early Intervention services, namely a Senior Psychologist engaged by Enable Ireland, a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Social Workers. These posts have been approved for filling and it is hoped to have them filled early 2020.

Enable Ireland were recently allocated two additional posts (for Occupational Therapy and Psychology). The Psychologist commenced on the 4th November 2019 and the Occupational Therapist on the 11th November 2019. These additional posts will facilitate an increase in the number of assessments that can be carried out.

I trust this information if of assistance to you, however if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact my office.

Le dea-mhein

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hayes', written over a horizontal line.

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Príomhaoifigeach
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