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Mr. Peter Burke T.D.,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 1375/19

**To ask the Minister for Health when a position will be filled in a service (details supplied);
and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peter Burke**

(Details) - There is currently no disability nurse for child disability services in Springfield, Mullingar. I understand the previous nurse left the position in November 2018. These vulnerable children and their parents rely heavily on the liaison nurse as they are contactable at any point and liaise with the entire medical team.

Dear Deputy Burke,

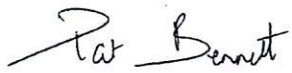
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The Mental Health and Intellectual Disability staff nurse for the Midlands Mental Health Service left this service on 22nd November 2018. A request was sent to a nursing agency for temporary filling of this position towards the end of November 2018, and no agency was available.

We have no update to provide on the funding for upgrade to CNS, however in the interim, the service continues to endeavour to fill via agency at a staff nurse level.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "B".

Pat Bennett
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