



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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Dear Deputy Ó Caoláin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

#### PQ 33264/19

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional therapy positions filled in 2019 further to the announcement of 100 additional posts in Budget 2019; if the recruitment process for these posts is still underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

#### HSE Response.

The Budget 2019 provided an allocation of funding for 100 therapy posts to enable the HSE to reduce the waiting list for Assessment of Need under the Disability Act and to drive implementation of the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People Programme, through new staff appointments to reconfigured multi-disciplinary, geographic-based teams.

A phased recruitment process for these posts was agreed as part of National Service Plan, 2019. Each Community Healthcare Organisation area has profiled grade type as per agreed allocation. The additional referred to posts have been profiled across the 9 CHOs to December (i.e. as full year cost will not be available until 2020). Formal approval to proceed with recruitment was issued by the National Director, Community Strategy & Planning on 17th May 2019. This was required to generate permissions for each CHO area to progress recruitment. The HSE is tracking the recruitment and filling of these posts on a monthly basis. The progress to the end of June is as follows:

CHO Area	Status
CHO 1	No post in place as yet. Documentation has been submitted to the HBS Recruit.
CHO 2	No post in place as yet.
CHO 3	One post in place.
CHO 4	Three posts in place
CHO 5	No post in place as yet. Documentation to progress the recruitment of the first 5 posts has been forwarded to HBS Recruit.
CHO 6	No post in place as yet.
CHO 7	No post in place as yet.




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CHO 8	I OT has a start date. Recruitment for 1 Psychology assistant in process. Documentation in relation to the remaining posts has been submitted to the HBS Recruit.
CHO 9	No post in place as yet.

Yours sincerely,



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