

Oifig an tUas. Pat Bennett, Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Ms Louise O'Reilly T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 13311/19

To ask the Minister for Health if the psychiatrist tasked with covering children referrals from a centre (details supplied) in County Westmeath responsible for covering County Westmeath, is unable to accept new referrals due to the delay in filling the nursing point at the centre which has remained vacant for the past two months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Louise O'Reilly

(Details) - The Springfield Centre, Mullingar

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

This nursing post will be filled from 6th May, 2019 for an initial period of six months and the Psychiatrist will be in a position to accept new referrals from that date.

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,

Pat Bennett

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