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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 20339/19

To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of physiotherapists in counties Laois and Offaly; if there is a freeze on recruitment or a freeze on appointing those that have successfully gone through the recruitment process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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.

I can confirm as set out below that we have the following vacant posts in Laois Offaly Physiotherapy:

Laois: 2 WTE Staff Grade Physiotherapists in Laois. Offaly: 0.5 WTE Senior Physiotherapist in Offaly.

All of the above vacancies are on the list for derogation sent to the national office, no decision to 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,

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