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Mr. Eugene Murphy, TD
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* To ask the Minister for Health the staffing restrictions and embargo in relation to the recruitment of clinical psychologists in the CHO2 area in view of the ongoing waiting lists for treatment and assessment in CAMHS, early intervention services, adult mental health services and the ASD services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 the following outlines the position;

The HSE are aligning/realigning service delivery with the available resources and this will directly impact on the recruitment of Psychologists. We expect to deliver fully on our service plan commitments but this must be achieved within the allocated resources. Unfortunately, this has led to the introduction of waiting lists for assessment and intervention in CAMHS.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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