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Mr. Eugene Murphy, TD  
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Leinster House  
Kildare St, Dublin 2

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\*To ask the Minister for Health the number of Clinical Psychologists employed in the CHO2 area; the number of Clinical Psychologists recruited by the HSE in 2018 and to date in 2019 by County in the CHO2 area in tabular form; his plans to recruit additional Clinical Psychologists to address the ongoing waiting lists 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;

Community Healthcare West (CHW) currently employs 72 Clinical Psychologists, totalling 60.02 WTEs. During 2018 a total of 4 Clinical Psychologists were recruited and commenced employment in CHW. These posts are located as follows:-  
Galway 1, Roscommon 1, Mayo 2

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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