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Mr. Shane Cassells T.D., Dail Eireann. Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2.

Re: PO 49549 19: To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a vacant psychologist post based in Kells, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cassells,

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.

The Meath psychology service is divided across three HSE divisions in primary care, disability services and mental health. The vacant post referred to in Kells is within the Childrens' Disability service. I can confirm that application has been sought approval for the permanent filling of this post. Whilst waiting on this approval Meath Disability Services is endeavoring to fill the post on a temporary capacity.

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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Pat Bennett Chief Officer

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