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Re: 23633 PQ 37855/19 - *To ask the Minister for Health the reason a new assessment of needs officer has not been appointed in the Dublin 15 assessment of needs area; if this is due to a recruitment freeze; when such an appointment will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

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.

I wish to advise a recruitment campaign has been held by Health Business Services Recruit to fill vacant Assessment Officer posts in CHO Dublin North City and County which includes the Dublin 15 area.

Interviews have been held and successful candidates have been placed in order of merit on a panel from which vacancies may be filled in a permanent capacity.

I have assigned staff in a temporary capacity to the vacant Assessment Officer roles in CHO DNCC and a staff member is scheduled to take up the vacant Assessment Officer role for a temporary period in the Dublin 15 area effective Monday 21st Oct 2019.

There is no current embargo on recruitment in CHO Dublin North City & County. We continue to operate under the controls outlined in the "Affordable planned growth in health service staffing levels during 2019" memo dated 20th June 2019. All posts require National Director approval and requests for derogations are submitted on a weekly basis for the National Director to review.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Service - Social Care