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Deputy Pearse Doherty,
Constituency Office,
Magheraclogher,
Derrybeg,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal.

Re: PQ 38192/19

The Special Needs Counsellor at Dungloe Community Hospital, Co Donegal retired in April 2018 from her position.

“To ask the Minister for Health if a vacant post for a Special Needs Counsellor (details supplied) in West County Donegal has been filled; the reason for the delay in having a permanent post holder take up the position, and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Doherty,

All service posts which are vacated following resignation or retirement are critically reviewed, with a view as to how the ongoing service requirements might be best be met taking account of the budgetary implications of filling vacated posts, and the requirement of the service to remain within the allocated pay and budget. Unfortunately the Service does not have any capacity at present to reallocate resources to this position.

The HSE has introduced interim control measures to ensure affordable and appropriate recruitment decisions are made, and the Community Facilitator for Disabilities position in Dungloe is currently being considered under this process.

I trust this information if of assistance to you, however if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Patrick Murray,
Head of HR, CHO 1**