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Deputy James Lawless Dáil Eireann, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no primary care psychologists in North County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter" James Lawless - Deputy.

Dear Deputy Lawless,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In North Kildare, a temporary Psychologist position has been vacant for some time now, owing to an inability to secure a candidate to the post. The HSE continues to seek to recruit to this post whilst working to reduce waiting times in line with current staffing levels and Public Health Guidelines.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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