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Deputy Peter Burke,
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To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will review the fact that the counselling doctorate offered by TCD and fully recognised and accredited by an organisation (details supplied) does not provide payment to students unlike the doctorate in clinical psychology which is offered by the five main Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

In February 2019, HSE Community Operations convened a Project Team to progress the recommendations of a previous Implementation Group with special emphasis on the recommendation to establish the National Psychology Placement Office. It is envisaged that the work of this office when established will be examining, amongst other areas, the payments of all psychology students.

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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