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4th June 2020, Deputy Cian O'Callaghan, Dail Eireann Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies that exist in mental health services for persons that are homeless in Dublin; when he expects these posts to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

There is currently one vacant Social Worker position on the Dublin South Team. A recruitment campaign ran last year but the team were regrettably unable to fill the position from the panel formed. There are plans to progress this again.

There are currently two vacant positions on the Dublin North City team that are currently being progressed.

- 1. Occupational Therapy Assistant post has been advertised and Shortlisting process has commenced. It is proposed that the interviews will be held early July 2020.
- 2. Registered Psychiatric Nurse post- the post has been vacant for a number of months and has been covered with additional hours pending permanent filling. The recruitment office have a rolling campaign with ongoing opportunities for Registered Psychiatric Nurses. Advertisements will remain live so that qualified candidates can submit applications throughout the year. The position will be filled as soon as further applications have been received.

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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