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**PQ 34052/20: "To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the funding streams that are available for trainee clinical psychologists to include those that choose to study counselling and educational psychology in view of the fact that at present the latter receive no payment during their traineeship or assistance with the cost of their studies**

- Steven Matthews

Dear Deputy Matthews,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Doctoral programmes are available in the three streams of professional psychology. Currently, Clinical Psychology Trainees, on the doctoral programme, are HSE employees and are in receipt of partial funding (60%) of HEI fees each year. In return, they commit to continuing as HSE employees for a fixed period of 3 years on qualifying. The HSE does not employ or contribute to HEI fees for Counselling and Educational Psychologists during their doctoral training, although the HSE assists in facilitating placements.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline Nix".

**Jacqueline Nix**

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