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Deputy Holly Cairns,
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Re: PQ36384/20 To ask the Minister for Health the status of the panel for occupational therapy roles in HSE areas of south Lee and Cork west; the number remaining on the panel; the length of time the panel has been in place; when the panel is expected to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cairns

Many thanks for your query in relation to the status of Occupational Therapy Panels held by HBS Recruit.

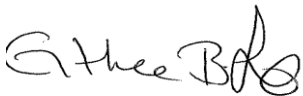
HBS Recruit currently have live panels in place for both Staff Grade and Senior Occupational Therapists. These are national panels which are used to fill vacancies across all HSE sites. As these panels are not broken down on the geographic footprint identified, it is not possible to say how many candidates are active for the areas of South Lee and Cork West.

Overall there are 280 candidates on the Staff Grade Occupational Therapy panel. This includes candidates that were successfully placed on the panel following campaigns held late 2017 and early 2019. Overall there are 189 candidates remaining on the Senior Occupational Therapy panel. This panel was formed in late 2018.

Given the significant staffing challenge presented by the Winterplan there is currently no expiration date identified for these panels. The HSE remains committed however to operating within the guidance provided by the CPSA on the timely expiration of panels and panel expiry will continue to be reviewed.

If there is anything further you require on this case please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,



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