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Deputy Willie O'Dea,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the new number of new development posts within mental health that were approved in 2018 and 2019 that have yet to be filled; the time frame for those posts to be filled on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

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.

2018 – 170.10 Development Posts – still to be filled 128.50

2019 – 218.60 Development Posts – still to be filled 133.40

The remaining unfilled posts are all approved to be filled on a permanent basis in 2021, however the employment market will dictate how many are filled permanently in 2021.

Mental health services continue to work with the HSE National Recruitment Service to achieve recruitment results in as efficient a time frame as possible for posts to be filled on a permanent basis in line with the recruitment guidelines.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services