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To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction counsellors and family support counsellors have been hired to date with regard to the promised alcohol addiction treatment service in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A recruitment campaign is currently underway for the recruitment of 5 new positions for the Alcohol Addiction Service in Galway city. This will comprise of 3 Addiction Counsellors, 1 General (Family) Counsellor & a family support Project Worker.

It is anticipated that recruitment will be completed in the next 4 -6 weeks.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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