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Deputy Aengus O Snodaigh
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 19761/12: To ask the Minister for Health his views on the staffing shortages in the Ballyfermot mental health service.

Dear Deputy O Snodaigh

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 wish to advise you that currently there is no shortfall of medical staff in the Ballyfermot Mental Health Service. In rare circumstances it is necessary to move or postpone routine non-urgent appointments for patients due to unanticipated staff illness or other unforeseen circumstances. In such instances, routine appointments are rescheduled within a short timeframe. Patients that require urgent attention are not impacted in these circumstances and are seen as a matter of priority.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

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