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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,
Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 59853/21

To ask the Minister for Health when the recruitment process to fill vacant psychology posts in a centre (details supplied) is expected to finish. -Robert Troy

(Details) - Springfield Centre; The delay in filling these vacancies is leading to significant delays in assessments which is having a knock on effect on her issues that require a psychology report.

Dear Minister Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply 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 I outline the position as follows.

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation (MLM CHO) can confirm that the Longford Westmeath Disability Psychologist posts have been vacant since September 2021. Recruitment to these posts is currently underway and the posts have been submitted to the National Recruitment Service to be filled. A substantial, national panel of psychologists has just recently been created following an interview process in September 2021. The vacant Westmeath disability posts will be offered to all eligible candidates on this panel. It is hoped that this will result in successful appointments to these posts. It is currently challenging to recruit to psychology posts in disability due to a high demand for psychologists nationally.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation