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**To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate psychology services for children in the Headford and Lackagh primary care psychology service area of County Galway given that the position has been vacant since June 2019 and children in this region of County Galway are losing out on vital psychology assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Canney,

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.

I wish to acknowledge that the Headford and Lackagh Primary Care child service post has been vacant since June 2019.

In December 2020, it was approved to fill this permanent post again and the Psychology department is currently working to recruit for this post.

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

Yours sincerely,

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