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Mr Robert Troy T.D.,  
Minister of State with responsibility for Trade Promotion,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question - 11089/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health when the psychologist position will be filled at the Phoenix Centre, County Longford to allow for diagnostic assessments to be carried out for children. - Robert Troy**

Dear Minister Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

I can advise that the post referred to in the above representation has been vacant since July 2020. Since then the post has been partially covered by a psychologist from another area who is providing assessment and interventions for children and families of school age, who attend the Phoenix Centre.

HSE MLM Longford Westmeath Psychology Department acknowledges the frustration of families, however I can advise that there are plans in development to recruit additional staff to the service in the Phoenix centre and progress is expected in relation to this in the coming months.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation