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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for neuropsychological assessments in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

Neuro-rehabilitation is the process of supporting individuals with brain or spinal injuries, who often experience significant mental health difficulties requiring specialist care.

As outlined in previous responses (PQ 22452/20 and PQ 43472/20), currently there are no dedicated neuropsychology posts in the HSE within Primary Care South East Community Healthcare. Therefore, Wexford does not have a waiting list for neuropsychological assessments.

I can advise that Older Persons Services in South Tipperary employ a Neuropsychologist for the Memory Clinic which is scheduled every alternate Thursday in Cashel, Co. Tipperary. Any posts (whether new development posts or replacement posts) must be filled in line with the national recruitment framework.

In addition, Headway, the not for profit national organisation which receives funding from the HSE provide a number of supports including, psychological assessment, psychological interventions, community reintegration/work supports as well as peer support and an information and support helpline.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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