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Mr. Charles Flanagan TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Dublin 2.

RE: PQ ref 24424/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to facilitate an increase in the number of assistant psychologists within the health services; and if so, when and the way he plans to do same.

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position. The Psychology Project Team developed a report which recommended the creation of a National Psychology Placement Office that has yet to be established. Part of the Project Team's work included a review of the workforce in the Irish Health Service and projected psychology services and a methodology was set out for wider psychology services both community and acute operations. The recommendations have yet to be implemented.

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

Yours sincerely,

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