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Mr. Charles Flanagan TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ ref 24426/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to introducing additional doctoral places in psychology; and if he will meet with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and appropriate academic heads with a view towards changing matters.

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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