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Mr. Cathal Crowe TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ ref 25021/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will work in consultation with the HSE and other relevant institutions to ensure that educational psychology and counselling doctorates are brought in line with their equivalents, that is, clinical psychology and so on in terms of stipends and funding during studying.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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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