

15th November 2021

Deputy James Browne T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Re: PQ 54072/21 - Clinical psychologist, WGH

"To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding appointing a clinical psychologist to the County Wexford acute hospital diabetes multidisciplinary team given the need for psychosocial support in diabetes care; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Browne,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the provision of a clinical psychologist in Wexford General Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that while the above services are an important part of any Diabetes Multidisciplinary Team, there is currently no funded post for a clinical psychologist in Wexford General Hospital. The Hospital would welcome an opportunity to have this service included in the development plan for Diabetes services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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