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Deputy Niamh Smyth T.D,  
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**Re: PQ 55502/21: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a scan nurse for counties Cavan and Monaghan; the timeframe for this appointment; and the details of same.**

Dear Deputy Smyth,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to the status of the appointment of a SCAN nurse for counties Cavan and Monaghan.

A Clinical Nurse Specialist - Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse has been approved for the Cavan Monaghan area; the post will be developed in line with the National Strategy for Action on Suicide Prevention (NOSP) and local Connecting for Life Action Plan to respond to the high levels of suicide in Cavan and Monaghan.

The SCAN Nurse post has been advertised, with a closing date of the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Interviews have been arranged to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December, and the position will be offered to the successful candidate on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, they will be appointed following recruitment clearances.

Timeline to hire is dependent on current location of successful candidate. Internal Staff Transfer would be projected maximum time to hire of 4-5 weeks based on current Garda Vetting and Occupational Health turnaround times. External Staff projections would be a maximum 8-10 Weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, however if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Patrick Murray,  
Head of HR, CHO 1**