

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

Mr. Sean Fleming T.D.,  
Minister of State,  
Dept of Finance,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question – 42214/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent or temporary posts that are available in a region for health care support assistant posts by county; the reason there are little or no posts in some counties compared with other counties in the region (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming**

**Details Supplied: Midlands, Louth and Meath areas.**

Dear Minister Fleming,

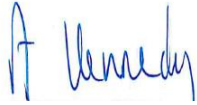
I wish to acknowledge receipt of Parliamentary Question 42214/21 with regards to the number of permanent or temporary posts that are available in a region for health care support assistant posts by county. Please see below breakdown per county for Social Care Older Persons.

PQ 42214/21	Louth	Meath	Laois/Offaly	Longford/Westmeath
	There are currently 15 vacant posts in Louth, 5 due retirements and 10 new development posts currently being recruited.	There are 10 new HCSA development posts that are full time and are currently being recruited for Meath Home Support Service	There are currently 31 HCSA vacant posts across Laois/Offaly and 10 new development posts and are currently being recruited	New HCSA – Recruitment June 2020 In Longford Westmeath there are 16 vacant HCSA posts and 10 new development posts and are currently being recruited.

Please note that Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation Disability Services can confirm that Health Care Support Assistants are not employed by the service.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regards.

Yours sincerely,



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