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Mr. Jackie Cahill, TD 8-9 Parnell Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

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<u>Re: PQ 43861/21 - "</u>To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has attempted to fill the vacant addiction counsellor position in Drummin House, Nenagh, County Tipperary; when this position will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Cahill,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question and wish to advise of the following.

We have not advertised for a replacement Addiction Councillor.

We are actively participating in the National Dual Diagnosis Clinical Programme which will be an integrated service and appropriate staffing levels will be addressed.

We aim that our dual diagnosis service will be operational in early 2022. This will be a mid-west regional service.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Wallace Head of Service,

Mid West Mental Health Services