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To ask the Minister for Health when child and family psychology services will recommence in Galway city west, Oughterard and Moycullen, County Galway; the reason for the significant delay in issuing appointments for the service; the steps he will take to tackle the extensive waiting list for the service to ensure that children and families will be issued with appointments as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to reassure you of our commitment to providing Psychology services in the City West / Oughterard / Moycullen area. There is currently a vacant permanent post in this area and, together with Covid 19, has impacted on the waiting list.

A number of posts have been approved under the waiting list initiative. Recruitment has commenced for 1 x Senior and 3 x Staff Grade Psychologists on a temporary basis through agency. This waiting list initiative will address the waiting list over the next 3 months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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