

19th April 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns
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“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 666 of 1 March 2022, the number of HSE psychologists in CHO4 that expressed an interest in writing in availing of opportunities to transfer into posts for each of the years 2014 to 2021; the number of HSE psychologists in CHO4 that were facilitated in each of these years to transfer into posts that were not first advertised to eligible candidates on the relevant national recruitment panel; if he will identify the HSE managers who decided on these public appointments by transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In the years 2014 to 2021, there were a total of six reassignment requests from staff members in Mental Health Services. All reassignments that were facilitated happened on a grade for grade basis and were subject to the backfill of the individual's posts which were expressed to the appropriate HBS national panels. All consideration of reassignment and recruitment was subject to the approval of the Principal Psychology Manager with the agreement of the Head of Mental Health Service and Chief Officer.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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