

15th April 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 18124/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of appointments to permanent contract senior psychologist posts in the adult mental health services in County Cork between August 2017 and January 2021 that took place through unadvertised transfers; 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.

I have been advised that there were no permanent contracts for senior psychologists issued resulting from unadvertised appointments within Mental Health services in County Cork between 2017 to 2021. All staff that were reassigned had already been permanently appointed to HSE posts via HBS national panels.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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