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Deputy Imelda Munster
Dáil Éireann
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Re PQ 10561/22 & Indirect Rep 50/02 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of community psychologists that are currently available for ongoing treatment and support of adult patients under the care of the Crosslanes psychiatric unit and Singleton House, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Imelda Munster

Dear Deputy Munster,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

There are five Psychology posts in Adult Mental Health Services Drogheda. There is one Psychologist in post and four vacancies.

Two of the vacancies are permanent due to resignation; both vacant posts have been approved by local management for filling and were sent to Human Resources for their attention. The other two vacancies are temporary, one has already been approved and the other is for consideration at the next Paybill meeting.

A Principal Psychology Manager commenced on the 10th January, 2022. This is a new development post specifically with Mental Health who will address existing gaps within the Psychology system.

The Principal Psychology Manager is actively working with the Human Resources Department to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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