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Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if the target of 300 additional staff working in mental health as set out in Budget 2022 will be met in 2022; the number of additional staff recruited to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter - David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Recruitment is impacted by the current shortage of trained mental health staff nationally - a trend which is not unique to Ireland. Despite recruitment challenges and difficulties, mental health services continue to work with HR colleagues, utilising local, national and international avenues, through National Recruitment in the HSE Health Business Services to achieve recruitment targets and expand our skilled workforce in line with Budget and Service Plan for 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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