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Mr Darren O'Rourke T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 1428/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicide resource officers employed by the HSE in counties Louth and Meath; the number of vacant posts; the length of time these posts have been vacant; when they will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Darren O'Rourke**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 I outline the position as follows.

Louth Meath Mental Health Services has one whole time equivalent post for the suicide resource officer. Whilst this post was vacant since February 2020, arrangements have continued in place to ensure service needs have been met during this period.

While internal appeals processes have affected timelines with regard to the filling of this post to date, we remain actively focused on progressing this post through the HSE recruitment process as a priority. This will be progressed in early course when this process has concluded.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Chief Officer  
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