

30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns  
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**PQ ref 33188/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 842 of 5 April and 308 of 18 May 2022, the percentage of appointments to senior psychologist posts in the adult mental health services in CHO4 between August 2017 and January 2021 that took place via unadvertised transfers; the details of each of those appointments by unadvertised transfer, that is, the exact service locations and the date of the appointment; 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.

There have been a relatively small number of reassignment requests made between August 2017 and January 2021, and that all staff who requested reassignment, would have done so in writing via email. The details pertinent to such requests are considered personal to the individuals involved.

Please note, internal reassignments can only happen on a grade to grade basis, where staff members have already been appointed to that grade through a national competitive process.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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