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Mr Joe Flaherty T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 34438/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans to move the PDS 8 service to a purpose build facility presently vacant at the Ballyminion campus and the up to date staffing positions in terms of vacant posts as of 17th June 2022.

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Ballyminion Site:

The project to build a facility at the Ballyminion campus is currently going through the HSE's internal approval process. Once approval is granted, the legal paperwork will be completed to allow the developer submit a planning application for the proposed works. The anticipated construction programme is circa. 18 months.

CDNT 8 Vacancies:

The Children's Disability Network 8 Team (CDNT) in Longford currently has 4.5 vacant posts.

- One (1) wte staff grade psychologist post.
- One (1) wte senior psychologist post vacant.
- Two (2) wte senior speech and language therapist posts.
- One (1) 0.5 wte staff grade Occupational therapist post vacant.

Of note 0.8wte Senior Speech and Language therapist is currently filled through agency on a temporary basis until the vacant posts can be filled in a full time capacity.

All vacant posts are going through an active recruitment process. Every effort is being made to fill any vacant position with agency staff while we await the posts filling in a full time capacity.



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Flynn
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