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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,  
An Lú, An Mhí

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte,  
Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin,  
An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Mr Ruairí Ó Murchú T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question - 12006/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant positions to be filled in the mental health services in CH08; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Ruairí Ó Murchú**

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond in the context of your recent correspondence in relation to the number of vacant positions in CHO8 Mental Health Services.

Midlands Louth Meath Mental Health Services currently have 85 vacant posts of which most of these posts are filled by temporary HSE contracted staff and agency staff.

All the above vacancies are being proactively managed and are progressing through a structured recruitment process which can take some time. Currently there are particular pressures within the recruitment market which is affecting the speed at which our positions are being filled.

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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Anne Kennedy  
Acting Chief Officer  
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