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Deputy Imelda Munster  
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**Re PQ 16348/22 & Indirect Rep 85/03 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting an appointment with a psychologist in adult mental health services, Drogheda; if patients are awaiting an assessment or for specific psychological therapies; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Imelda Munster**

Dear Deputy Munster,

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.

There are 89 people currently awaiting an appointment with a Psychologist in Adult Mental Health Services Drogheda. These clients are awaiting Psychological assessment.

Louth/Meath is one of the 3 sites nationally which is rolling out the Model of care for talking therapies with additional resources provided in various therapy grade including psychology, nursing, cognitive behavior therapy and family therapy. This Model of Care builds on a team-wide and multidisciplinary approach to the delivery of talking therapies. When implemented it will ensure greater integration, consistency and equity of access to talking therapies.

Recruitment has now commenced locally with a planned date of completion of recruitment by Q2 2022.

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,

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Anne Kennedy  
Acting Chief Officer  
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