

26th May 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 842 of 5 April 2022, the percentage of appointments to permanent senior psychologist posts in the adult mental health services in CHO4 between August 2017 and January 2021 that took place via unadvertised transfers, irrespective of whether the transferring psychologists already had permanent contracts in other HSE services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: given that the posts in question would ordinarily have been advertised to eligible candidates on the relevant national recruitment panel, which includes candidates with permanent contracts and others without, and these public appointments are to be made subject to that nationally agreed recruitment panel process

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.

I have been advised that there were no permanent contracts for senior psychologists issued resulting from unadvertised appointments within Adult Mental Health services in county Cork or Kerry between 2017 to 2021. All staff that were reassigned had already been permanently appointed to HSE posts via HBS national panels. There were no temporary staff appointed to permanent contract posts in the HSE via internal reassignment.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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