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PQ27525/22 Deputy Neasa Hourigan- To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to sponsor the training of students in counselling or educational psychology in order to encourage employment with the HSE of suitably qualified professionals as they do for clinical psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

Thank you for your representation.

Currently, Clinical Psychology Trainees, on the doctoral programme, are HSE employees and are in receipt of partial funding (60%) of HEI fees each year. In return, they commit to continuing as HSE employees for a fixed period of three years on qualifying. The HSE does not employ or contribute to Higher Education Institution fees for Counselling and Educational Psychologists during their doctoral training, although the majority of their placements are within the HSE.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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