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Re: PQ ref 50524/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment process for a centre (details supplied) to hire psychiatric nursing staff; the roles that are vacant; the stage that the recruitment process is currently at; when it is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter – (In Linn Dara)” -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has requested that the HSE respond directly to you on this matter. I have examined the question raised and the following outlines the position.

The HSE is actively engaged in comprehensive national and international recruitment campaigns for Psychiatric Nursing staff as well as recruitment from graduate programmes. At present, four nursing posts have been formally accepted by recruited applicants and moved past the pre-employment clearance process.

Two are set to start their new roles in November and two are set to start in January 2023. Four additional candidates (two Nursing posts and two Social Care posts) have accepted jobs and are currently in the pre-employment clearance process.

Healthcare settings continue to face a challenging recruitment environment, however the HSE will explore all avenues to recruit and hire Psychiatric Nursing staff. As recruitment is ongoing, it is not possible to give a specific full reopening date for the affected centres. The situation remains under constant review with the intention to operate Linn Dara at increased capacity at the earliest opportunity.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Service Mental Health
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