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Deputy Murphy Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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Dear Deputy Murphy

RE: PQ52073/22 To ask the Minister for Health in his Departments active pursuance of recruitment to vacant posts across the healthcare services, the number of the 1,451 graduates in psychology disciplines in 2021 that have been added to the national panel for recruitment within the healthcare services ; the number that have been extended a letter of offer to a vacant post within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Verona Murphy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted by you to the Minister for Health. This matter has been referred to me for response on behalf of the HSE.

Not all Psychology graduates will be eligible for the grades that we recruit through the NRS. The NRS recruit for Clinical/Educational/Counselling Psychologists. In total 75 graduates were added to the Staff Grade Psychologist panel created in 2021 and 35 Psychology graduates were added to the Assistant Psychologist panel created in 2021. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish the graduates from within those candidates since recruited from this panel.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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