



9th November 2022

Deputy Ward
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Dear Deputy Ward

RE: PQ53608/22 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the targeted recruitment of staff psychologists, clinical psychologists and administrative support staff by the HSE by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Mark Ward

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.

In May 2022 the National Recruitment Service (NRS) ran a supplementary campaign for the National Psychology Panel in order to target the 2022 cohort of psychology graduates who were eligible for the campaign. An additional 120 candidates were added to the panel in August 2022 of this number 86 hold a Clinical post graduate qualification.

88 Psychology staff grade post have been recruited by NRS in 2022 – breakdown by CHO area below:

Row Labels	Post Accepted	Recruitment Complete	Grand Total
Area 1	7	1	8
Area 2	4	10	14
Area 3	5	6	11
Area 4	8	4	12
Area 5	7	2	9
Area 6	1	1	2
Area 7	2	9	11
Area 8	4	3	7
Area 9	5	8	13
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Grand Total	44	44	88



For the number of Admin staff recruited directly to support Psychology, unfortunately, the NRS would not be able to provide a breakdown of Administrative roles that were specific to Psychology departments as in most cases the request would be by Service rather than department and therefore a post within Primary Care could be assigned to Psychology but that would not be advised to the NRS at the outset.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eileen Winnington', with a fluid, cursive style.

Eileen Winnington
Assistant National Director of HR