



20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Deputy Mark Ward, TD  
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**PQ Number: 43847/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of seven new addiction midwife posts; when the posts will be filled; if the remit of these posts will be included with alcohol misuse and or substance misuse issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The table below outlines the current recruitment status of the seven new addiction midwife posts and confirmation that the remit of these posts will be included with alcohol and substance misuse issues. It must be noted that there have been ongoing recruitment challenges in the post-pandemic period and these posts are highly specialised with a limited pool of eligible applicants. The HSE Addiction Services remains committed to filling these posts as soon as possible.

CHO Area	Current Status of Post	Remit
CHO 1 - Donegal, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan, Cavan/Monaghan	Two (0.5WTE) posts for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim have been advertised twice, without any applicants. Further negotiation ongoing with Midwifery services re: amending the criteria in order to secure staff.	Alcohol & Substance Misuse
CHO 2 - Galway, Roscommon, Mayo	Negotiations ongoing with Midwifery services, re: governance of the post.	Alcohol & Substance Misuse
CHO 3 - Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary/East Limerick	Post is with recruitment & awaiting advertisement.	Alcohol & Substance Misuse
CHO 4 - Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork	Recruitment Ongoing.	Alcohol & Substance Misuse
CHO 5 - South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford	Recruitment completed and agreed start date for is mid-October.	Alcohol & Substance Misuse
CHO 8 - Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth/Meath	Recruitment Ongoing.	Alcohol & Substance Misuse



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eamon Keenan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Prof Eamon Keenan  
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