

16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Deputy Holly Cairns,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 7435/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 842 of 5 April 2022, 308 of 18 May 2022, 233 of 22 June 2022, 1117 of 12 July 2022 and 324 of 10 November 2022, the percentage of appointments to senior psychologist posts in the Cork adult mental health services between August 2017 and January 2021 that took place via unadvertised transfers; the exact service locations that is, the exact locations of the adult mental health teams where such appointments took place within the Cork HSE health services; the dates of each of these appointments, given that this information has not already been provided by the HSE, contrary to an assertion otherwise in the response to Parliamentary Question 324 of 10 November 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

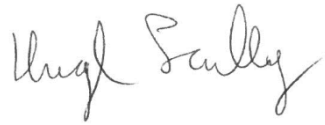
Having liaised with the relevant teams I have been advised the following:

The subject matter of this question is currently the subject of a formal process under the auspices of the State’s industrial relations machinery and as such, it would be contrary to fair procedures for a substantive response to be provided at this point.

It should be noted however that replies to this question have already been provided, specifically with regard to the location of the posts and dates of appointment. In total three senior posts were advertised via Health Business Services (HBS), as posts not arising from reassignments, and a total of four posts were advertised via HBS to backfill posts which were subject to reassignment. In total seven posts were advertised and filled via HBS in Cork during the period (five at senior grade and two at staff grade).

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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