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Deputy Denis Naughten
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 21817/23 - *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant Psychotherapy roles in Children’s Primary Care Services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Firstly, I wish to advise that Paediatric Psychotherapy Services are not provided by Primary Care. I am outlining in the table below the vacant posts within the Children’s Psychology Services in the HSE Mid West (CHO3) area:

Title of post	Vacant posts (no. of WTE wholetime equivalents)	Comments
Staff Grade Psychologist	1.4 WTE	1 WTE is a maternity leave. Approval granted to backfill. Vacancy to be expressed to local panel in June 2023. The 0.4 WTE vacancy is due to be readvertised through the HR process.
Psychology Assistant	2 WTE	Vacant posts have been advertised but have failed to fill to date.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,


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