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Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin,
An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Mr. Denis Naughten T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 21822/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8; 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 the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Number of vacant psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8

- There are no psychotherapy roles in children's primary care services; it is one of the activities of psychologists. There are currently no vacant psychology posts in Laois/Offaly.
- There are no psychotherapy posts in children's primary care services in Longford - Westmeath Psychology Service. All L-W Psychology post filled or vacant are psychology posts not psychotherapy posts.
- There are no Psychotherapy services in Primary Care in Louth/Meath. We provide Psychology services in Primary Care.

Number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services

- There are currently no vacant psychology posts in Laois/Offaly.
- There is currently 1wte Staff grade psychology post vacant in Meath
- There are currently 2.5 wte Senior grade psychology posts vacant in Louth
- There is currently 1.0 WTE staff grade psychologist vacancy in Longford Westmeath. This is not a child specific service vacancy as L/W psychologists deliver a life span service.



I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Broadbank'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Carole Broadbank
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