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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if his Department have plans to create advanced nurse practitioners posts in a speciality and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane**

*Details Supplied: Mental Health*

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Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 the following outlines the position.

The 'Policy on the Development of Graduate to Advanced Nursing and Midwifery Practice' (Department of Health, 2019) sets out the strategic vision for the development of advanced practice services in the context of Sláintecare. This policy aims to maximise the nursing and midwifery response to current and emerging health service challenges. The policy provides a model to support the development of graduate to advanced practice that will create a critical mass of nurses and midwives working at advanced practice level to address population health needs.

The Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD) in the Health Service Executive (HSE) supports the development of advanced nursing and midwifery practitioner services throughout the HSE, and HSE funded agencies (Section 38). Advanced nursing and midwifery practitioner services are developed as a direct response to population health needs and organisational requirements, as identified through local and national planning processes.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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