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** To ask the Minister for Health when the vacancy for a community nursing position for psychiatry of later life based at St. Brendan's CNU, Ballinasloe will be filled; if the post has been advertised; the period of time that this position is vacant; the number of patients on the caseload of the previous nurse prior to the post being vacated; 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 the following outlines the position;

The POLL team in Ballinasloe has had a number of the team members (4) who have retired from the service over the past year. Two posts have been filled recently, and there is a temporary staff member working 0.5 wte (whole time equitant). There are two staff members who are being progressed through the recruitment process but unfortunately, due to the recruitment pause within the HSE, they have not been recruited. We continue to seek derogations to fill the posts.

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

Yours sincerely,

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