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To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicide crisis assessment nurse positions in Waterford city and county; the number of these positions that are vacant; the periods during which positions have been vacant; and when it is expected that all positions in the area will be filled.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and following is the current position.

There are currently two Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse posts in Waterford, one for the city and one for the county. The city post has been vacant since August 2024 when the post holder retired. Recruitment had been delayed due to the recruitment pause, however, approval to fill the post has since been approved and recruitment is now in process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne Donaghey'.

Ms Anne Donaghey
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