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Ms Holly Cairns, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 35067/24:

"To ask the Minister for Health for details of the process of creating a job description for the post of Director of Psychology in the South West Regional Health Area in the months leading up to that recruitment process commencing in July 2024, namely, when the original job description was written, by whom it was written, which psychology managers were consulted on it, and how these particular psychology managers were selected over a more open consultation with the Heads of Psychology Services Ireland"

Dear Deputy Cairns,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The job description for the position of Director of Psychology was previously developed by the Regional Executive Officer having reviewed other relevant job descriptions in Ireland. There are no other Director of Psychology positions in Ireland. At the time no Psychologists were consulted in drafting the job description, the REO has now recognised his error and is correcting the situation by consulting with all relevant stakeholders.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Damian McGovern
General Manager