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To ask the Minister for Health when a suicide crisis assessment nurse will be appointed to Waterford to fill the vacancy created by recent retirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Cathasaigh

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question.

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

The post of SCAN (Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse) was one of those affected by the recent pause in recruitment within the HSE. Paperwork for the replacement of the SCAN Nurse was prioritised and submitted to the REO for approval in June 2024. This post has since been approved and HSE recruitment services will process the appropriate paperwork in order to fill this position without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne Donaghey".

Anne Donaghey
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