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Deputy Holly Cairns
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Re: PQ 16845/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health for the current Primary Care Psychology staffing levels, by grade of Psychologist and per population size, service in each integrated health area of the Mid West Regional Health Area, as of March 1st 2025."

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that the Primary Care Child & Family Psychology Service is delivered by county and not Integrated Health Area across the HSE Mid West area (Limerick, Clare and Nth. Tipperary). The Principal Psychology Manager has confirmed the following staffing levels within service at the 1st March 2025:

	Limerick		Clare		Nth. Tipperary	
	Approved WTE	Actual WTE	Approved WTE	Actual WTE	Approved WTE	Actual WTE
Principal Specialist	0.6	0	0.2	0	0.2	0
Snr. Psychologist	2	2	3	3	1	1
Staff Grade Psychologist	4	2	3.6	2.6	2	2
Asst. Psychologist	5	3	3	1	2	0
Systemic Family Therapist	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0
Play Therapist	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0
Principal Psychology Manager	This is a regional role (1 WTE). The Principal Psychology Manager provides line management and governance to the Psychologists and Trainee Psychologists aligned to the Primary Care Child & Family Psychology Service across the HSE Mid West.					
Population of area (ref: Census 2022)	209,536		127,938		64,005	

I trust the above information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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