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Deputy McGreehan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 16985/25 To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if there are primary care psychology staff in each primary care centre in the country

- Erin McGreehan

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 16985/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary care psychology is a provider of psychological services at primary/community level in Ireland. The service grew out of hospital and community care models which are largely one-to-one assessment and intervention models. Today, it provides a range of services of varying intensity, encompassing education, prevention, early intervention and a range of treatments. It also plays a key role in signposting and escalation to secondary and tertiary services, both in psychology and across other disciplines.

HSE Primary Care provides psychology services to a wide range of children and young people experiencing mild-to-moderate mental health difficulties, non-complex disabilities, & adjustment to health issues. Psychology is not provided for in each Primary Care Centre and is a specialist service delivered by psychologists at a network or area level.

I trust this is of assistance.

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