



7th February 2025

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 2777/25

“To ask the Minister for Health if a dietician has been hired for Eist Linn in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: “Minister it is very important that a dietician is hired for Eist Linn in Cork to help the needs of many people who have been referred here for care.”

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

We are in the process of recruiting a Clinical Specialist Dietitian for Eist Linn. This post has been prioritised to ensure that we have the vacancy filled as soon as possible and the campaign is being organised. Once in place this post holder will support the multidisciplinary team in Eist Linn in providing high quality care to the young people who need the service.

We understand the impact that vacant posts are having on service user access and experience, we appreciate the stress and difficulty this is causing young people and their families at present.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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