

4th March, 2025

Mr. Liam Quaide, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 5844/25**

**"To ask the Minister for Health for the projected staffing provision for April 2025 of psychologists for the North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, North Cork and Kerry primary care child and adolescent services, per grade and the population size each of those areas serve, in tabular form."**

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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.

The table below outlines the projected staffing provision for April 2025.

<b>Population (2022 Census)</b>	<b>North Cork 99,617</b>	<b>North Lee 184,706</b>	<b>South Lee 235,766</b>	<b>West Cork 64,067</b>	<b>Kerry 156,458</b>	<b>WLI – Local &amp; National</b>
Principal Psychologist	1 WTE in Post		1 WTE in post			
	April 2025	April 2025	April 2025	April 2025	April 2025	April 2025
Snr Psychologist	0.85	0	0.83	1	1	2
Staff Grade Psychologist	1.4	0.4	1	0	1	0.53
Psychology Assistance	2	3	2	1	1.6	0

In addition to figures below, two Psychologists in Clinical Training are on placement in April in North Cork, and one Psychologist in Clinical Training on placement in North Lee.

It is projected that by April 2025 local and national recruitment to address vacancy rates in priority areas will continue to progress as part of wider work force planning currently underway.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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