

4th March, 2025

Mr. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 6483/25**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists designated in a full-time capacity for the south Lee area, broken down by adult primary care, child primary care, adolescent and family psychology services; if there are locums; and the plans to recruit further in this regard"**

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

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 funded posts for South Lee and the vacancies as at February 2025. With regards to the WLI posts please note that these are not South Lee designated posts but are staffing for CKCH wide initiatives. The South Lee waitlist does benefit when staff are in place as these initiatives intervene with longest waiting / those waiting over 52 weeks and for the PDS transferred group added to waitlist in 2021.

	South Lee		WLI Team BESSBORO (CKCH Longest Waiting)		CKCH WLI (PDS)	
	Funded	Vacant	Funded	Vacant	Funded (Temp)	
Senior Grade	1	0.17	1	0	1	0
Staff Grade (Child)	4	3	2 (Temp)	1.5	1	1
Staff Grade (Adult)	1	0				
Psychology Assistant	5	5 (2 at advanced stage of recruitment)	2 (Temp)	2	0	0

We are actively recruiting to fill long-standing psychology vacancies across all areas of Cork and Kerry and a number of posts are at various stages of recruitment, some with commencement dates between January – March 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,

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