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To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the psychiatry position at Dungarvan Community Hospital; if a vacancy occurs at present; the total period of time from 1 January 2024 to date that the position has been vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGuinness

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The General Adult Community Mental Health team is based at Dungarvan Primary Care Centre. A Consultant Psychiatrist position covering the catchment area was vacant from 02.06.2024 to 30.09.2024. During that period of vacancy out patient review clinics were scheduled for Saturday 15.06.2024 and 22.06.2024 both attended by Consultant Psychiatrists. From 31.07.2024 to 29.09.2024 cross cover was provided by Consultant Psychiatrists based in Waterford City. The position was filled by an agency Consultant Psychiatrist from 30.09.2024 to 23.02.2025. The substantive post holder for this area returned to his position 24.02.2025.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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