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Liam Quaide, TD

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PQ 42239/25 (Health): To ask the Minister for Health the number of trainee psychologists graduating from doctoral Courses in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of graduates who took up posts in the HSE within six months of graduating; and the number of graduates who took up employment in private practice, if known. - Liam Quaide

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

The National Recruitment Service do not have knowledge of the number of trainee psychologists who graduate from doctoral courses.

However, within their remit they do collate the number of graduates who apply for employment through the yearly HSE Recruitment Campaign. Set out in table below, number who commenced employment within 6 months of graduating.

2021	11
2022	18
2023	9
2024	6

Finally, the HSE is a public health service and would have no access to data regarding employment figures in private practice.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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