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Deputy Seán Fleming Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 9568/25 – To ask the Minister for Health when recruitment of occupational therapy services will begin in counties Laois and Offaly (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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 outline the position as follows.

Following the HSE recruitment pause, all vacancies are being reviewed in line with the new Pay and Numbers cap for the Dublin and Midlands Region. Clinical posts are being actively examined for approval within this process.

I am pleased to advise that the National Recruitment Service (NRS) are currently running a recruitment campaign for Staff Grade Occupational Therapists for all counties in Ireland. This campaign is active on the HSE website, further details can be found at the following link:

https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/job-search/allied-health-and-social-care/nrs14651occupational-therapist-staff-grade.html

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.



Yours sincerely,

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