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Mr. Barry Heneghan, TD

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PQ. 53849/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of trainee psychologists graduating from doctoral courses in 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of those graduates who took up positions with the HSE within two months of graduating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Barry Heneghan

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response. In collating this response, I linked with the National HSCP Office and the HSE's National Recruitment Services. The information outlined below in respect of your query is outlined below:

The HSE does not directly provide doctoral courses, but it partners with several Irish universities to offer postgraduate psychology training programs. The training is provided in three primary areas: Clinical, Educational, and Counselling Psychology. Through these university partnerships, the HSE offers funded, three-year traineeships for successful applicants. More information is available [here](#).

In respect of graduates recruited by the HSE, please see information requested below:

2025: 18 new psychology graduates accepted posts off the national panel to date (please note that the national panel went 'live' approximately 5wks ago on September 16th, 2025)

2024: 5 new psychology graduates accepted posts off the national panel and 2 commenced within 2 months of the panel going live.

Please note that the above figures do not include trainees who took up roles in acute services, section 38/39 agencies, or were recruited via local panels. This information is not recorded centrally.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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National HR