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Deputy Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to provide current vacancy rates for psychologists in public mental health services, broken down by RHA; and the measures being taken under Budget 2026 to fill these posts. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 the following outlines the position.

The HSE does not routinely collect data on vacancies due to the dynamic nature of our workforce and movement within services. Turnover data, however, is captured. The most up to date turnover rate for the organisation is at year end 2024 – please find link to the 2024 Workforce Turnover Report:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/2024-workforce-report-turnover.pdf>

Information on employment data is published on a monthly basis and the most recent published data for Mental Health (September 2025) is available at the link below:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/mental-health-employment-report-september-2025.pdf>

Further information on employment data per RHA is contained therein.

The HSE continues to fund and support a trainee Psychology scheme with a view to increasing the number of graduates employed in the HSE.

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

Yours sincerely,

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