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Deputy Séan Fleming T.D.,
Leinster House
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 44877/25

To ask the Minister when the position of Occupational Therapist Manager in Laois will be filled; the length of time the position has been vacant; the steps that have been taken to fill this position; 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 outlined the position as follows.

The Occupational Therapist Manager post Laois/Offaly became vacant in October 2023 due initially to sick leave. This absence became long-term sick leave, and then carers leave. The post holder is due to return October 2026.

A recruitment campaign to create a panel at OT Head of Discipline grade was held over the summer months in the hope to fill the Laois - Offaly temporary position until October 2026. A number of successful applications were placed on a panel. However, to date, no one is in post as service is awaiting approval from the Regions Senior Manager in order to progress further. It is hoped that this urgent post will receive approval in the very near future.

I wish to assure you that this post is listed as the number 1 priority post to fill in the Midlands and it is hoped it will be filled soon.

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



Yours sincerely,

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