



**Director of Counselling
National Counselling Service**

Grade Code 3027

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as **Director of Counselling, National Counselling Service** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:

- (i) Hold a qualification at Level 7 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) maintained by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) in a human science discipline (medical, psychological, social, or educational) or hold a qualification at Level 7 or higher in a health and social care profession.

And

- (ii) Hold a degree or post-graduate qualification in counselling, or psychotherapy recognised by one of the following, as appropriate: the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (IACP), or one of the five sections within the Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP).

And

- (iii) Have full accredited membership with one of the following: IACP or one of the five sections within ICP

Or

- (iv) Are a full member of the Clinical or Counselling Psychology Division of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI).

And

- (v) Have five years (or an aggregate of five years) post qualification experience in Counselling/Therapy.

And

- (vi) Candidates must possess the requisite clinical, leadership, managerial and administrative knowledge and ability for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. Health

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

3. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 10th day of April two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Marie Hoey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

**Anne Marie Hoey
National Director of Human Resources**

This criteria will be reviewed in April 2021