

24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 56061/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**Details Supplied: the service developments that took place between 8 and 15 June 2017 in order that a permanent contract senior psychologist post in the north Cork, north Lee older adult mental health services was, after being accepted on those advertised terms, changed within that seven-day period to a permanent contract senior psychologist post in the general adult mental health north Lee Services, and was not advertised to eligible candidates on those changed terms; the basis in employment law that such a rapid restructuring of a HSE post could be sanctioned after it had been advertised and filled on different terms**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

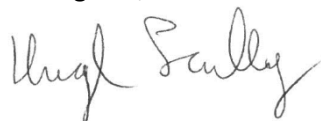
The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The subject matter of this question is currently the subject to a formal process under the auspices of the State’s industrial relations machinery and as such, it would be contrary to fair procedures for a substantive response to be provided at this point.

There are questions of employment law which await determination and setting out the arguments in this forum would risk prejudice to any such determination.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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