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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Leinster House
Kildare St.
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 47874/23 – Seeking an update from the HSE on the current staffing number of the Community Psychology team in Mullingar Primary Care Centre.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your representation has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The Primary Care Psychology service based in Mullingar Primary Care Centre is a lifespan psychology service. Psychologists offer evidence based psychological interventions to children and adults.

There are currently 3.9 WTE (Whole Time Equivalent) Psychologists working in the Primary Care Psychology service in Mullingar, offering psychological services across the lifespan. In addition there is also a 1.0 WTE Assistant Psychologist in post in Mullingar.

Numerous business cases have been submitted in an attempt to secure additional staffing for this very busy lifespan psychology service. To date no additional staffing have been approved.

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,

Joseph Ruane
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