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Deputy David Cullinane Dail Eireann Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin

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## PQ 17175/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists working for County Wexford; if he is aware of a pending staff departure; and if there is a candidate lined up to the replace the outgoing clinician.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question.

There are currently four Child Psychologists working for County Wexford. There has been a recent retirement of Principal Psychologist - Wexford. Due to the continued recruitment freeze in the HSE recruiting to vacant posts has been placed on hold. The post has been escalated for derogation.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Anne Donaghey Head of Mental Health Services South East Community Healthcare