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Re: PQ 2924/24

To ask the Minister for Health for a report on the staff vacancies in the Clondalkin mental health services, efforts to fill vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are currently 2 staff vacancies in Clondalkin Mental Health Services. These are reviewed in conjunction with the wider Dublin South Central Mental Health service.

A number of recruitment campaigns (both locally and international) which were conducted in 2023, yielded some success in recruiting staff to the service. However, Dublin South Central Mental Health service experience similar issues in relation to the recruitment and retention of nursing staff as experienced nationally.

Graduate nurse campaigns are ongoing. A Mental Health Workforce planning group meet quarterly to explore ways to manage staffing shortages in the area. Post grad program actively recruits annually.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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