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Deputy Ward,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 25242/24 -To ask the Minister for Health the target number of psychologists that need to be employed to ensure full national coverage of Psychology in Primary Care for those under 18 years of age, the current number of child psychologists (counselling/educational/clinical) employed in these roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

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

This office does not hold the requisite data to respond to this PQ however, the ESRI are currently undertaking a project to estimate the Workforce Demand Projections to 2035 across Community Services. This work when completed may determine a projection of the requirements.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Jacqueline Nix

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