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Deputy Duncan Smith TD
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ Ref 19585/24

Dear Deputy Smith,

I wish to refer to Parliamentary Question "To ask the Minister for Health to provide a timeline for the appointment of an occupational therapist in CAMHS at Nenagh Health Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

The position is as follows:

Mid-West Community Healthcare Mental Health service has been attempting to fill staff grade occupational therapist without success including the role based at the CAMHS Nenagh Health Centre role.

Subsequently, approval was obtained to re-configure the role to a senior occupational therapist role, and that role was expressed to the local panel in October 2023. Regrettably, the role was not accepted from anybody on the local panel.

In the context of the current recruitment pause, it is not possible to provide a timeline for the appointment of an occupational therapist in Nenagh. Mental Health Services continues to review vacant positions and prioritises the filling of roles based on service risk.

I trust this information addresses the question raised in your representation but should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Hanley", written in a cursive style.

Mary Hanley
Head of HR