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Mr Robert Troy TD
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Re: PQ ref 39976/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned memory assessment service for Mullingar; the number of the proposed team recruited; the number of vacancies existing and when the service will be operational.

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

To date, the Memory Assessment Support Service (MASS) for Longford Westmeath has onboarded a Clinical Nurse Specialist (1WTE), Social Worker (0.5WTE), Occupational Therapist (0.5 WTE) and a Grade IV Administration Assistant (1 WTE). This is 29.41% of the planned resources for this service. The onboarded team provide a Post Diagnostic Dementia Service as an initial service with a view to developing a full Memory Assessment and Support Service for Longford/Westmeath with future recruitment.

Current vacancies:

1. Consultant
2. Registrar
3. Advanced nurse practitioner
4. Neuro Psychologist
5. Neuro Radiologist
6. Speech and Language therapist
7. Physiotherapist
8. Dietician
9. Social Worker

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/dementia-pathways/services-and-support/memory-assessment-services-and-clinics/memory-assessment-support-services-mass-/>

The HSE National Dementia Services continue to raise the matter of resources required with the Department of Health and Minister Mary Butler with a view to securing additional funding to enhance this service.

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,



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