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Ms Holly Cairns, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 35068/24:

**"To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for recruiting a Director of Psychology in the South-West Regional Health Area and not developing directorships for other disciplines such as occupational therapy and social work.
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Dear Deputy Cairns,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

There have been appointments for the post of Health and Social Care professional Implementation Lead and HSCP Lead Placement Coordinator recently to the Southwest region. These posts are similar to the role of the proposed Director of Psychology in relation to other HSE grades.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Damian McGovern
General Manager