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Ms Holly Cairns, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 35069/24:

"To ask the Minister for Health the reason for recruiting a Director of Psychology in the South-West Regional Health Area and not in other Regional Health Areas."

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.

I wish to confirm that the reason for recruiting a Director of Psychology for the Southwest region is to address the 61% vacancy rate for Psychologists in the region and to address the very long waiting times for patients. The REO considers it appropriate to recruit Senior Psychologists to manage very complex patients and to resolve the waiting lists.

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,

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General Manager