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To whom it may concern,

A large number of our members have contacted PSI with serious concerns in relation to the process in which the new Basic Grade Psychology panel has been advertised.

Our members have communicated to us that having spent some time searching the HSE's website, they reported being shocked and dismayed to find the advertisement for this new national campaign, which included details indicating that due to the current IT issues, no email communication would be issued to existing panel members to inform them that the panel will expire.

We are concerned that there will be a number of our members who are not aware that the panel they believe themselves to be placed on will expire after this new panel is formed this year, therefore, precluding these individuals from interviewing this year due to a lack of communication from the NRS.

PSI are formally requesting that you would extend the deadline for receipt of applications in light of the ransomware attack and reality that there will be some psychologists who may not be aware of the current campaign and that they need to re-interview.

Yours Sincerely

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President Elect
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