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Lisa Chambers TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 51281/19

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric occupational therapists working in County Mayo; the number of vacancies of same; the length of time the posts have been vacant; and the date for the commencement and conclusion of the recruitment process to fill the vacancies.**

Dear Deputy Chambers

I refer to PQ ref 51281/19 due for response by 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 concerning the number of paediatric occupational therapists working in Co. Mayo.

The HSE has been requested to respond to you directly regarding this matter. The following outlines the current position.

- 12 Occupational Therapists (WTE 10.3) currently providing Paediatric Care within County Mayo.
- Currently 1 Occupational Therapist vacancy to provide Paediatric Care in County Mayo. This is a new post with no previous holder. Approved by Payroll Control Monitoring Group in May 2019.

We are at present awaiting National Director approval to fill this post. Once approval is received, recruitment will immediately be instructed to proceed with this competition. This is in keeping with control measures applied by HSE to all HSE Recruitment to ensure that we live within the available resources. These control measures will remain in place for as short a period as necessary, with on-going review until there is satisfactory evidence of traction and delivery of balanced financial plans from Hospital Groups and CHO's

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me

Yours sincerely

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