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To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit a replacement speech and language therapist for the Mountbellew primary care centre, County Galway (The speech and language therapist in the Mountbellew Primary Care Centre in County Galway is due to take maternity leave in February 2020 so plans need to be put in place for her replacement during her leave); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in respect of Primary Care.

The Speech & Language Therapist allocated to Mountbellew Primary Care Centre will be going on maternity leave in January 2020. Approval for a replacement was sought and refused. We have a staff member on a temporary contract and we will realign our service provision in line with this.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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