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To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the number of staff in CHO area 7 to meet the demand for children in need of speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- **John Curran**

Dear Deputy Curran,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) regularly review the staffing numbers as a priority across Speech and Language Therapy services in CHO 7. Where possible within existing resources, staff are deployed in areas of greatest need and all attempts are made to meet the demand for children in need of Speech and Language Therapy.

Development posts within areas of high need have been prioritised for 2020.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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