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## PQ 18671/19

To ask the Minister for Health the additional speech and language therapist posts that have been made in the past five years in the CHO area for the south east by year and by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.

Additional speech and language therapist posts that have been created				
Year	SECH Areas			
	Carlow/Kilkenny	South Tipperary	*Waterford	Wexford
2014	0	0	0	3
2015	0	0	0	1
2016	-1 (gained 3 but lost 4)	5 (disability posts)	3 Wait List Initiative	4
2017	0	0	0	0
2018	1	1 (clinical specialist in integrated care programme for older persons)	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>Please note Waterford posts listed are primary care only

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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