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To ask the Minister for Health the additional occupational therapists posts that have been created in the past five years in the CHO area for the south-east by year and 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 occupational therapists (OT) posts that have been created				
Year	SECH Areas			
	Carlow/ Kilkenny	South Tipperary	Waterford	Wexford
2014	1	0	0	Not available
2015	0	4 Social Care - 1 vacant with Health Business Services Recruitment (HBSR)	0	Access Inclusive Model of Service (AIMs) post - Staff grade
2016	0	0	2	0
2017	1	1 Primary Care with HBSR – covered by agency	0	0.6 WTE Kilkenny Initiative for Training and Education (KITE) post. Memory technology 0.4 WTE - unable to recruit. Senior OT Primary Care for stretch metrics with agency backfill
2018	0	1 Social Care – integrated care of elderly – vacant with HBSR	.8	0

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

Yours sincerely,

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