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Mr David Cullinane TD  
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**PQ 22781/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the fifteen additional posts in disability services for children in the south-east community healthcare area that have been secured to improve access and assessments by county (Waterford, Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Wexford); 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 reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The 15 posts will initially be prioritised to support diagnostic assessments and we are currently working with Heads of Disciplines across the South East Community (SECH) to agree a model of service delivery to maximise the throughput of children for diagnostic assessment. This consultation is being carried out in the context of reconfiguration of existing therapy resources to geographical base teams for children (0-18yrs).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P McEvoy'.

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**Patricia McEvoy**  
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