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PQ 41831/19

'To ask the Minister for Health his views on correspondence (Early Intervention OT Services Mayo) that has issued to parents in relation to cover for a therapist; if the HSE response issued to this Deputy is to indicate that if resources are not sufficient to provide cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

Dear Deputy Calleary,


I refer to PQ 41831/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 9th October 2019 and due for response on 30th October 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'his views on correspondence (Early Intervention OT Services Mayo) that has issued to parents in relation to cover for a therapist; if the HSE response issued to this Deputy is to indicate that if resources are not sufficient to provide cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. I would like to apologise for the late response to PQ 41831/19. The following response outlines the position.

The situation in the Early Intervention Occupational Therapy (O/T) Service is such that there are currently insufficient resources in the service to provide cross cover for a Senior Occupational Therapist who is on maternity leave since early October in the Early Intervention North Mayo service.

Please be advised that a system has been put in place so that any queries or urgent requests from parents will be screened and an Occupational Therapy intervention service will be allocated, if possible, in emergency situations. Please also be advised that an additional .5 WTE (Whole Time Equivalent) Occupational Therapist resource has now been approved for the service and it is anticipated that once this therapist is in situ that the current waiting times for an O/T will improve.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,


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