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Dear Deputy Pringle,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

#### **PQ 36985/19**

*To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting a minimum of 300 therapy staff for children's services over the next four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

#### **HSE Response**

##### **Estimated cost of recruiting a minimum of 300 therapy staff**

The Report on the Future Needs of Disability Services (April 2018) estimates an additional 400 posts are required to provide adequate staffing levels to meet the demand for children's disability services and the HSE is working to address this. Budget 2019 has provided for a funding commitment to provide an additional 100 therapy posts specific to the Disability Network Teams to be established. The shortfall of 300 therapists would include a mix of disciplines at basic and senior grades. The cost of a basic grade therapist including salary and non pay is currently €60,359 and a senior grade therapist, €77,670.

Yours sincerely,

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