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To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff have been taken on in the childrens occupational therapy sector to deal with the backlog in County Mayo in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Calleary,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are no new posts in paediatrics Primary Care or Disability. However, during the Covid-19 pandemic staff from both services were redeployed to testing sites. As a result of this, the HSE have recruited two agency staff grade therapists since November.

A Paediatric Occupational Therapist has resigned her post since late October and there is a senior agency Occupational Therapist in her place until the post is filled permanently.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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